

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

We have started the year on a positive note. Our Second Annual Cookie Walk held on December 9, 2000 was a great success. I want to thank everyone involved for the help they provided. Mark your calendars for December 8, 2001 for our Third Annual Cookie Walk.

Because of your hard work and dedication, I was able to present Dan Baldwin with our third annual contribution of \$1500.00 to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Our program for February was a brief history of Cedar Rapids, presented by Mr. James R. DeLong. He has recently written the book entitled *The Times of Our Lives: Cedar Rapids in the Good Old Days*. It was voted on by the members to purchase a copy of this book for the Museum library. I presented this book to David Muhlena, the librarian of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in February.

During our February meeting it was voted upon to have aprons made with the Guild's logo printed on them to be used for our special events and also to be available for purchase by Guild members for \$10.00 each. Marj Nejdil has volunteered to design the logo for the aprons. As soon as the

### *A Taste of Czech & Slovak!*

**May 18, 2001:** A Taste of Czech & Slovak. The Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library invites you to indulge in their favorite Czech & Slovak foods. A great way to kick off Houby Days weekend!! From 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall. Ticket prices are \$5 for 20 samples or 4 samples for \$1. All proceeds go to the Museum Guild.

<http://www.ncsml.org/calendar.htm>



aprons are available I will let you know. If you are interested in purchasing one of the aprons, please contact me.

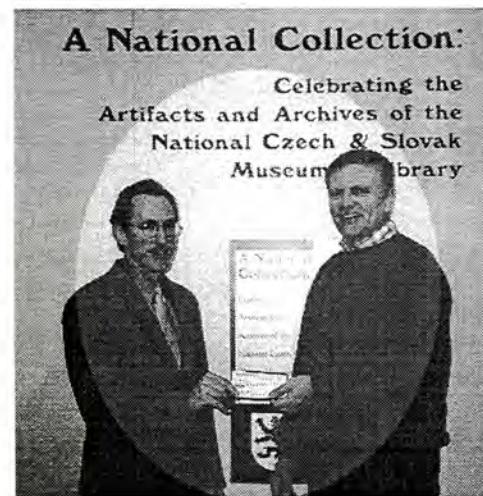
Our Program Committee has once again arranged for an interesting and diverse schedule of programs for this year. I know you will not want to miss these programs and I hope to see you at the meetings.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for May 18, 2001 for our *Taste of Czech* event.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Gary F. Dvorak, President*



February 14, 2001:  
President Gary F. Dvorak (right) proudly presents the Guild's third annual contribution to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund to the NCSML's President and CEO, Daniel R. Baldwin.

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

*Prepared for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Annual Meeting*

January 15, 2001

The year 2000 has proven to be another fulfilling and rewarding experience for The Guild of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The Guild has continued to provide financial and charitable support for the Museum and serve its members as an educational, service and social organization. Membership of the Guild is at 115 members. The members of the Guild have recorded a new record high of 7,687.50 total hours.

This past year we have funded \$227.16 for a new overhead projector for the NCSML and our second annual gift of \$1500.00 to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund presented in March. In July we provided a Goodwill Offering to the Nova Ceska Pisen Chamber Chorus. This money was raised from cookbook sales and our annual Cookie Walk this past December.

In keeping with our goals we have continued to provide our members with educational programs at our monthly meetings. We have had several field trips and a bus tour to Decorah, Iowa, to visit the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum. We have printed new name badges for our members and published our quarterly newsletter, *The Guilded Page*.

We have amended our By-laws to read "Each member is encouraged to volunteer a minimum of twenty (20) hours of service to The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and/or Guild each year." In this way a correct accounting of the total number of volunteer hours can be recorded for the Guild's support, dedication and assistance with Museum receptions, demonstrations of Czech art and crafts, helping in the gift shop, working on the Cookie Walk, and functioning as tour guides or receptionists.

With the enthusiasm and dedication of our current Guild members I know we will continue to move forward with our goals and our support of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in 2001.

— Gary F. Dvorak  
2000 Guild President

## 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.

### 2001 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Gary F. Dvorak
Vice President	Dorothy Conner
Treasurer	Leo Modracek
Recording Secretary	Andrea Siebenmann
Corresp. Secretary	Leni Stastny
Museum Guild Rep.	Sylvia Rohlena
Ex-Officio	Sylvia Rohlena

### 2001 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Beula Dvorak
History & Property	Barb Pulkrab
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Fern Fackler
Publications	Cynthia T. Shaffer
Public Relations	Gary F. Dvorak
Social	Irma Kelly
Volunteer Coordinator	Patricia A. Hikiji

### 2001 – 2002 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

Saturday, APRIL 7
Saturday, MAY 5
Monday, JUNE 11
Monday, JULY 9
Monday, AUGUST 13
Saturday, SEPTEMBER 1
Saturday, OCTOBER 6
Saturday, NOVEMBER 3
Saturday, DECEMBER 8
Saturday, JANUARY 5, 2002
Saturday, FEBRUARY 2, 2002
Saturday, MARCH 2, 2002



### MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at the History Center by Guild President Gary F. Dvorak. Vice President Dorothy Conner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY —

Milly Ortner

**SBIRKA** (Czech)/**ZBIERKA** (Slovak):

Collection

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT —

Andrea Siebenmann

Andrea Siebenmann read the minutes from the meeting of December 9, 2000. The minutes were approved.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT — Leni Stastny

Leni Stastny reported no incoming mail during the previous month. A Christmas greeting card was sent to Anne Reif on behalf of the Guild.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT —

Leo Modracek

Leo Modracek reported on the status of the Guild funds. At the end of year 2000, the Guild's balance at Firststar Bank was \$4,975.75. The treasurer also presented two bills for approval by the assembly. Marge Stone made the motion to accept the bills; the motion carried.

President Dvorak thanked Beula Dvorak and Frank Novotny for the successful organization of the Guild's Second Annual Cookie Walk. Frank Novotny added that the event saw 79 customers, and the net income from cookie sales reached \$872.00 plus \$66.50 for crafts and cookbooks for a grand total of \$938.50. The suggestion was made to move the time of the next event between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. to better accommodate customers. The Third Annual Cookie Walk will be held on December 8, 2001.

#### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE —

Sylvia Rohlena

Sylvia Rohlena informed about the upcoming Annual Museum Board Meeting on January 15, 2001. Also, everyone was welcome to attend the Czech Heritage meeting held immediately prior to the Board meeting.

#### MUSEUM PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR —

Patricia Hikiji

In the absence of the Volunteer Coordinator, President Dvorak reported on volunteer hours and top ten volunteers for the past month and for the year 2000. Milly Ortner was awarded a \$20.00 gift certificate and 100 hours towards January 2001 for top salesperson in the Guild Membership Campaign. During 2000 the Guild members recorded 7,687.50 volunteer hours.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Membership: Milly Ortner

Milly Ortner reported that as of January 6, 2001 the Guild had 111 members, and membership dues for 2001 had been paid by 24 members.

##### Program: Fern Fackler

Fern Fackler introduced the new Program Committee and invited the assembly to share their ideas for this year's programming.

##### Publications: Cynthia Tucker Shaffer

On behalf of the Publications Committee, Marilyn Tucker announced that the upcoming newsletter would be mailed out on January 27, 2001.

##### Social: Irma Kelly

Irma Kelly passed around a sign-up sheet for hosting this year's Guild meetings.

##### Education: Bob Stone

Bob Stone reminded the audience about the Epiphany holiday and how it is celebrated in both the Czech and Slovak Republics. The information sheet on educational programs in January was distributed, and some programs planned for the next months were mentioned as well.

##### History & Property: Barb Pulkrab

Work on the new scrapbook was reported. Members were asked to bring any pictures they took during the past events in order to be incorporated into the book.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Leni Stastny and Bob Stone will audit the books.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Barb Edmunds promoted the Czech Community Calendar for 2001, published by the Federation of Czech Communities. The cost is \$3.00 per copy.
- Fern Fackler expressed appreciation of the gift of Christmas glass ornaments given to members from the Executive Committee. Gary Dvorak commented

that this act was contrary to the current Guild's by-laws, and this issue was to be addressed during the next months.

- Zula Oujiri informed that Nancy Colbert would be the speaker at the next Guild meeting. Ms. Colbert wrote a book about Mrs. Hoover.
- Irma Kelly opened a discussion of the "Taste of Czech" event that was organized in the past to promote a Guild Czech recipe cookbook. In general, the event had very positive feedback from those who participated in it. A suggestion was made to promote other Guild cookbooks if this event is done again. "The Taste" could also become an annual event with an aim to strengthen the Czech community. Irma Kelly was assigned to find out about possible dates for organizing this event at the Museum. Further planning of the event would resume accordingly.

#### OTHER

Olga Drahozal announced new classes of conversational Czech for beginners. The classes begin on Tuesday February 6, 2001 and the cost of the 10-week course is \$30.00 per person. On Wednesday February 7, classes of Czech for advanced learners will start. The cost per 10-week course is \$30.00 per person and all lessons will take place at Olga's house.

The next Guild meeting will be held on February 3, 2001 at Hamilton Business College.

A motion to adjourn was made by Milly Ortner. The motion carried.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Andrea Siebenmann

### MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 3, 2001

The meeting was called to order at Hamilton Business College by Guild President Gary Dvorak. Vice President Dorothy Conner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

#### MUSEUM PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR —

Patricia Hikiji

Volunteer Coordinator Patty Hikiji in her report informed that 38 volunteers had worked at the Museum during January 2001, and the Guild recorded 378.5 hours. Patty announced the top 10 volunteers for the



### The Good Old Days . . .

At the February 3 Guild meeting, we all went down "memory lane" with James R. DeLong, a former teacher and current historian for the Cedar Rapids Gazette. The trip was most enjoyable! We remembered the earliest settler, Osgood Shepard, a ring leader of horse thieves who often hid out in Bowman Woods, but the story of Manny Root, the youngest Civil War drummer, was something new. Only eleven years of age when he was wounded twice, captured and imprisoned by the Confederate Army, he came to live in Cedar Rapids in 1918 and often played his drum on patriotic holidays. Ironically, he was hit by a car and killed at the age of 75 on July 4, 1929.

It was good to hear that the earliest settlers, the Meskwaki Indians, were not only peaceful but often helped the pioneers get settled. We enjoyed getting reacquainted with the Cherry Sisters and

revisiting the wonderful old theatres: the State, Strand, Iowa and Majestic, where vaudeville shows featured such greats as Bob Hope and Al Jolson. Sadly, it burned down in 1930; and in the name of progress, Greene's Opera House was demolished to make way for I-380.



Downtown Cedar Rapids was very exciting in those days, especially on Saturday nights when the stores and shops stayed open until 9:00. The old trolley cars, originally horse drawn, added to the charm; they were changed to electricity in 1890. Beautiful Union Station is but a memory, the scene of many dramatic farewells during the war years.

Jim accompanied his talk with impressive slides of old Cedar Rapids, and many of us purchased his book, *The Times of Our Lives: Cedar Rapids in the Good Old Days*. — Betty Truesdell

month of January. The list of upcoming events was mailed to all members. Party highlighted, and highly recommended to attend the concert of the Czech bluegrass band Druha Trava.

Gary Dvorak reminded members that the Museum Gift Store was offering 20% discount from purchases over \$10.00 to all volunteers and Museum members during January and February 2001.

Jan Stoffer Tursi, NCSML Program Coordinator, was invited to the meeting in regard to the status of the "Taste of Czech" event. Jan asked the assembly for an approval of the date and time when the event is planned. The event was put on the Museum calendar for Friday, May 18, 2001 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. After general agreement among members, a motion was made by Frank Edmunds to approve the time of the event between 4:30 and 7:30 PM on May 18, 2001. Opposed: 3, in favor: 33. Motion carried.

Jan made another announcement about the musical trio "Most" from Chicago who would perform at the Museum on Sunday, March 4 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Fee is \$3.00 for the Museum members, and \$6.00 for non-members.

The intermission followed, in order to give the floor to the speaker of the day, James R. DeLong, who gave an interesting

presentation about the history of Cedar Rapids. After the program, Zula Oujiri made a motion to approve the purchase of the book written by Jim DeLong with an intention to include it in the Museum's library collection. Motion carried.

### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY —

Milly Ortner

**SNEHULAK:** Snowman

### SECRETARY'S REPORT —

Andrea Siebenmann

Andrea Siebenmann read the minutes from the last Guild meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Sylvia Rohlena - motion carried.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT — Leni Stastny

Leni Stastny informed there was no incoming mail. A thank you note was sent to The Linn County History Center for having their facility available for the Guild's last meeting.

### TREASURER'S REPORT —

Leo Modracek

Leo Modracek reported that as of December 31, 2000 the Guild's balance at Firstar Bank was \$4795.75. Deposits consisting of dues payments and cookbook sales totaled \$292.00. Disbursements were made in the amount of \$60.68. Ending balance on January 31, 2001 was \$5,027.07.

The treasurer also read the proposed Guild budget for the year 2001. Zula Oujiri made a motion to accept the budget. Motion carried.

Bob Stone read the result of the Audit Report on behalf of the Audit Committee, and he presented the signed report to the treasurer.

Leo Modracek asked members to approve new bills, including the one for the latest newsletter production and distribution (\$128.59), and one for the stipend to Jim DeLong (\$10.00) for his presentation. Motion to approve the bills was made by Milly Ortner - motion carried.

### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE —

Sylvia Rohlena

Sylvia Rohlena did not have any current news to convey to the assembly.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Membership:** Milly Ortner

Milly Ortner informed that only 26 members paid their dues during January. Milly encouraged others to pay their dues as soon as possible.

**Program:** Fern Fackler

Fern Fackler reported that the committee is in the process of finalizing the programs for the upcoming year.

**Publications:** Cynthia Tucker Shaffer

Publication Committee representative Marilyn Tucker thanked on Cynthia's behalf all who contributed to the latest newsletter. The next newsletter will be issued in the latter part of March. Marilyn asked for the list of upcoming programs and the list of all committees with their members, both to be incorporated in the next newsletter.

**Social:** Irma Kelly

On behalf of the Social Committee, Irma Kelly asked participants to sign up for hosting those Guild meetings that did not have any hosts assigned yet.

**Education:** Bob Stone

Bob Stone informed about the Czech Quartet performance at Coe College. He also invited everyone to attend the film "Into the Arms of Strangers" featuring the story about Jewish children rescued in Great Britain during WWII. Film can be viewed at the Wynnsong Theater through February 8, 2001. The rest of education events are mentioned in the flyer mailed to members.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Audit Report - discussed during Treasurer's report.



- Status of "Taste of Czech" - discussed during Jan T. Stoffer's presentation.
- President Dvorak announced that the previously debated issue of Christmas gifts to members has been resolved: the Guild By-Laws do not allow gift giving so it will not be done in the future.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Gary Dvorak presented two amendments to the Guild By-Laws: First, regarding the President's duties as described in Article 5, Section IV of the By-Laws that would require the President's presence at the Fall Dinner; Second, proposing that all checks under \$500.00 shall be signed only by the Treasurer, without the need of dual signature. Bob Stone suggested that the latter amendment be discussed with the parent organization (NCSML), and seek their consent about this. The amendments will be discussed and voted on at the next Guild meeting.
- As a member of the Public Relations Committee, Gary Dvorak proposed that in order to improve its publicity, the Guild should purchase aprons, decorate them with the Guild's logo, and use them at various events where it would be appropriate. Gary suggested that at least 10 aprons be permanently available to the Guild's Fundraising Committee for this purpose. If other members are interested in purchasing aprons, an additional quantity will be ordered. Marj NejdI agreed to decorate aprons at no cost, and she would also look into the ordering of the aprons. Marj will inform about the arrangements for buying and making the aprons at the next Guild meeting.

## OTHER

- Barb Edmunds complemented Gary's announcement earlier that the Gift Store discount of 20% does not apply to music tapes, CDs or books.
- Zula Oujiri presented the book, autographed by James R. DeLong, on the History of Cedar Rapids to Gary Dvorak. The book will be added to the Museum library collection.
- Barb Edmunds announced that on March 18 a band would play at the St. Joseph's Day Dance organized through the Czech Heritage Foundation. On March 31, the Pork and Dumpling Dinner will be held at Sokol Hall. Fee is \$8.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. The dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Drawing: Olga Sedenka won the Easter egg door prize donated by Marj NejdI.

Conclusion: Gary Dvorak thanked the hosts for doing a fine job in preparing the refreshments. Next meeting will be held on March 10, 2001 at Hamilton Business College with the program to be delivered by Ms. Nancy Colbert, and titled "Memories."

Motion to adjourn was made by Frank Edmunds. Motion carried.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Andrea Siebenmann

## MEETING MINUTES MARCH 10, 2001

Guild President Gary Dvorak called the meeting to order at Hamilton College and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### MUSEUM PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR — Patricia Hikiji

Patty Hikiji reported that in February 2001 a total number of 42 volunteers signed up, and the Guild recorded 353.25 hours. Patty thanked those volunteers who helped during the recent Conference on Czech and Slovak History in Retrospect, and contributed to its success. Event calendars are being sent only to the Museum members; others need to pick up their copies at the Museum. A couple of changes to the upcoming programs were announced as well.

### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY — Milly Ortner

**CESTOVAT:** To travel  
**CESTOVATEL:** Traveler

### SECRETARY'S REPORT — Andrea Siebenmann

The minutes from the last meeting were read. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Marge Stone - motion carried.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT — Leni Stastny

No incoming mail was recorded in February. Leni Stastny said that a thank you note had been sent to Jim DeLong for the program presentation last month.

### TREASURER'S REPORT — Leo Modracek

Leo Modracek informed that as of January 31, 2001 the Guild's balance at Firststar

Bank was \$5,027.07. Deposits were made in the amount of \$533.00, including income from membership dues, donations, surplus cookies and cookbook sales. Disbursements totaled \$1,659.59, and were comprised of payments for newsletter production, February program expenses and the Museum Endowment Fund contribution. The balance on February 28, 2001 was \$3,900.48.

### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE — Sylvia Rohlena

Sylvia Rohlena reported that the Museum Board is currently focused on future plans related to the rebuilding of the Czech Village.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS Membership: Milly Ortner

In the absence of Milly Ortner, Leo Modracek reported that out of 114 members 71 had paid their dues as of the end of February. Leo encouraged everyone to pay their membership dues as soon as possible.

### Program: Fern Fackler

Fern Fackler announced the program for the April meeting when people will be talking about the histories of their personal or family treasures. Fern went over all meeting programs planned until March 2002.

### Publications: Cynthia Tucker Shaffer

On behalf of the committee, Marilyn Tucker informed that the next newsletter was scheduled for issue in the week of March 26. If anyone would like to contribute to this issue, they need to notify Cynthia within the next 5 days. In regard to unpaid dues, Marilyn offered to attach to the newsletter a flyer reminding everyone to do so. This worked well in the previous year.

### Social: Irma Kelly

Irma Kelly thanked hostesses for preparing the treats for this meeting. Since only one person signed up for January and February 2002 respectively, she asked for volunteers to pair up. In regard to the "Taste of Czech" fund-raiser, members should bring to the next meeting recipes of dishes and desserts they are planning to make.

### Education: Bob Stone

Bob Stone gave a brief account of the recent conference hosted by the Museum. He commended the Museum staff for working hard on conference preparations and marked it as an outstanding event.

### Public Relations: Barb Pulkrab

Barb Pulkrab pointed out that the Guild scrapbook was brought to the meeting and she asked members for additions to it.



## OLD BUSINESS

- Gary Dvorak asked the assembly to discuss and approve the amendments announced at the last meeting. In terms of the President's duty to attend the Fall Dinner, Fern Fackler reminded that if the President could not attend, somebody else should be appointed. Gary assured that he or the next President would do so.

*Motion to approve the amendment to Article 5, Section IV of the Guild by-laws made by Irma Kelly - motion carried.*

- Another amendment was to authorize the treasurer to sign all checks of value \$500.00 and less. President Dvorak cleared the information with the NCSML parent organization where checks up to \$1000.00 do not need the dual signature.

*Marge Stone made a motion to approve the amendment to Article 5, Section V of the Guild by-laws - motion carried.*

- The President informed that he had presented to NCSML director Dan Baldwin the check for the Museum Endowment Fund together with the book from Jim DeLong.
- Aprons were purchased, and Marj Nejd is in the process of decorating them. Each will be sold for \$10.00.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Guild President reported on the letter sent to the Guild from the Federation of Czech Groups. In it, the organization asked for a donation of \$25.00 to cover the cost of shipping of books being donated to the Czech Republic. After a brief discussion the motion was made by Irma Kelly to approve the check for \$25.00. Majority voted in favor.
- Leo Modracek announced that the Guild Executive Committee voted in favor of investing \$2,000.00 from the Guild funds into a 5-month CD account at Firststar Bank. Members briefly commented on the decision, and generally agreed with the investment option.

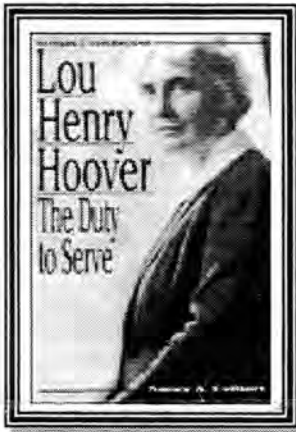
## OTHER

- Irma Kelly announced a bazaar was planned at St. Ludmila's on March 17 from 10-5 p.m. She will be taking orders for kolaches which will sell at \$6.00 per dozen.
- Barb Edmunds reminded about the St. Joseph's Day Dance on Sunday, March 18. Proceeds from the tickets will support the travel of several high school

## Lou Henry Hoover: The Duty to Serve

The speaker for the March 10 Guild meeting was Nancy A. Colbert, a local writer and publisher of books written for middle school and above. Nancy reviewed her book, *Lou Henry Hoover, The Duty to Serve*, which chronicles the life and accomplishments of this great humanitarian.

Nancy believes that everyone's story is important, and that, as a writer, you develop a relationship with the person about whom you are writing. Nancy coordinated 220,000 pieces of information over a three-month period to research the biography, which took her seven months to write. The result was a work of 42,000 words which was edited down to 25,000 words at the request of her publisher.



Lou Henry was born in Waterloo, Iowa and had strong ties to her grandparents in Shell Rock; but because of her mother's poor health the family often moved, finally settling in California. Instilled with a love of the outdoors and nature through her father's influence, Lou began work on a geology degree at Stanford University. Here she met and eventually married Herbert Hoover.

Before Herbert Hoover became president he was a mining engineer. His work took the Hoovers to Tientsin, China in the midst of the Boxer Rebellion, during which Lou and Herbert struggled to preserve life. From China to London, to Japan, to Australia – the Hoovers became experienced world travelers.

As Nancy researched, she discovered that Lou Henry was a very strong person and had a great desire to serve. She held many offices in the Girl Scouts of America and was a strong supporter of children's welfare. She spoke out about rights and the responsibilities of women, and believed in equal opportunity in sports for women. As First Lady, Mrs. Hoover was gracious and hard-working, entertaining many at the White House, often at the Hoovers' own expense. She initiated the use of radio to communicate her messages to the public. A devoted and strong wife to her husband, she showed – by her life's example – what women can accomplish.

Lou Henry Hoover and son, Allan, eventually purchased Herbert's birthplace at West Branch, Iowa and restored the house where Bert was born. They bought additional land and set up an association to preserve the site permanently. This is now known as The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum, which the Guild will be visiting in October.

Author Nancy Colbert has strong ties to the Czech community through her mother, who was a Dvorak. She has also written *The Firing on Ft. Sumter, A Splintered Nation Goes to War*, and is currently working on a new project. •

Nancy Colbert's books can be purchased from the following sources:  
Nancy A. Colbert, Barnes & Noble, Cedar Rapids; and online at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

— Zula Oujiri

students to the Czech Republic. Also, the Pork and Dumpling Dinner is still planned for March 31 and Barb asked for donations of door prizes.

Door prize drawing: Martha Krejci won a set of stationery donated and ornamented by Marj Nejd.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marge Stone - motion carried.

The next meeting will be held at Hamilton Business College on April 7, 2001.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Andrea Siebenmann



## National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Programs

April 2001 – March 2002

**April 7:** 9:30 AM ■ Hamilton College  
 "Member Treasures" presented by Guild members  
 Hosts: Marge Stone, Bob Stone and Irma Modracek

**May 5:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "Dinner with Madeleine Albright" presented by Sylvia Rohlena  
 Hosts: Fran Hanzel Johnson and Andrea Siebenmann

**June 11:** 6:30 PM ■ NCSML  
 "The Museum Project" presented by Joe McGill, Executive Director,  
 African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa  
 Hosts: Sylvia Rohlena and Marlene Schrimper

**July 9:** 6:30 PM ■ NCSML  
 "The Farmer's Market" presented by Lenora Jelinek Watson  
 Hosts: Fern Fackler, Marilyn Tucker and Robert Tucker

**August 13:** 6:30 PM ■ NCSML  
 "New Acquisitions & Preservation"  
 presented by Carmen Langel, Curator  
 Hosts: Angela Svoboda and Marie Ann Webster

**September 1:** 9:30 AM ■ Masonic Library  
 "Fraternal Organizations" presented by Bill Krueger, Executive Dir.  
 Hosts: Lillian Kopecky and Milly Ortner

**October 6:** All day motor coach trip  
 "A Trip to Goosetown & Hoovertown"  
 Tour presented by Lavanda Woosley  
 Hosts: Vera Conway, Irma Rozek and Olga Sedenka

**November 3:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "The Prague Gift Market" presented by Joyce Langlas  
 Hosts: Sr. Christine Elias, Laverne Fisher and Sr. Virginia Kremlacek

**December 8:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "Third Annual Cookie Walk" presented by Guild members  
 Hosts: 2001 Guild Officers

**January 5, 2002:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "Resources Available to the Researcher"  
 presented by Dave Muhlena, Museum Librarian  
 Hosts: TBA

**February 2, 2002:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "Glass Magic" presented by Bob Shaffer, Czech Cottage  
 Hosts: TBA

**March 2, 2002:** 9:30 AM ■ NCSML  
 "Family Customs in Slovakia" presented by Andrea Siebenmann  
 Hosts: Patty Marolf and Lavanda Woosley

### PROGRAM

Fern Fackler, Chair ■ Alicia Jackson ■ Lavanda Woosley ■ Dorothy Conner, Sponsor

### COMMITTEE

## TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2001

JANUARY 2001		FEBRUARY 2001	
Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in JAN: 38		Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in FEB: 42	
Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 378.25		Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 353.25	
Cynthia Tucker Shaffer	42.00	Dolores Usher	59.50
Dolores Usher	23.50	Gary F. Dvorak	17.50
Lydia Elias	22.00	Laverne Fisher	14.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	21.00	Helen Christophersen	14.25
Laverne Fisher	20.50	Marj NejdI	14.00
Marilyn Tucker	20.50	Irma Rozek	14.00
Irma Modracek	17.50	Irma Modracek	13.50
Alicia Jackson	17.25	Alicia Jackson	13.25
Gary Dvorak	13.00	Leo Modracek	12.50
Vera Hanson	12.00	Inez Popelka	10.50
Leo Modracek	11.50	Marge Stone	9.50
		1997	479
		1998	435
<b>YEARLY AVERAGES:</b>		1999	386
		2000	600
		2001	366

Please note that the comparison graph will return with the Summer issue.

## Thank You . . .

On March 2nd and 3rd the Museum hosted another successful conference, "The Czech and Slovak 20th Century in Retrospect." Nineteen scholars and popular speakers offered intriguing presentations exploring Czech and Slovak history and culture from the end of the Austro-Hungarian Empire through the period of the First Republic.

Helping to make the two-day conference an enjoyable experience were the contributions of the Museum Guild volunteers who transported and housed speakers, managed the refreshment tables at the conference and at the dinners, housed concert performers and baked dozens upon dozens of cookies for those mid-conference coffee breaks. Once, again, I was able to call upon the Guild for help and know that that call would be willingly and dependably answered.

Děkuji vám mnohokrát (Thank you very much!) to the members of the Museum Guild for their cooperation and support.

### Special Thanks To:

- Emil Koval and Bob Stone for transporting guest speakers.
- Robert and Sylvia Rohlena for housing a conference presenter.
- Irma Kelly, Mana Zlatohlavek, Vera Hanson, Patti Marolf and Marie Webster for setting up and maintaining the conference refreshment table, keeping the speakers' water pitchers filled, cleaning up in the kitchen and laundering towels.
- Don and Barb Fulkrab and Ed and Marj NejdI for serving beverages at the Friday and Saturday night dinners.
- Leo and Irma Modracek and Leni Stastny for hosting the members of "Most" overnight in their homes AND all the Cookie Bakers!

— Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator

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## UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

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

**APRIL 7, 2001**

9:30 a.m. at  
Hamilton College • 1924 D Street SW  
“Member Treasures”

*presented by*

Members of the Museum Guild

*Meeting hosted by Marge Stone, Bob Stone and Irma Modracek*

**MAY 5, 2001**

9:30 a.m. at the  
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
“Dinner With Madeleine Albright”

*presented by*

Sylvia Rohlena

*Meeting hosted by Fran Hanzel Johnson and Andrea Siebenmann*

**JUNE 11, 2001**

6:30 p.m. at the  
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
“The Museum Project”

*presented by*

Joe McGill, Executive Director,

African American Historical Museum and Cultural Center of Iowa  
*Meeting hosted by Sylvia Rohlena and Marlene Schrimper*

*Always Remember*



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

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

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

**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!