

SUMMER 2014

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the **Guided Page**

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

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Salutes Volunteers, 40th Anniversary of NCSML, 20th Anniversary of Guild of NCSML

Some 120 volunteers enjoyed a dinner in their honor at the Volunteer Appreciation event held May 8 at NCSML. The evening was also a salute to Guild and Museum history and achievements.

Jerry Campbell, volunteer coordinator, welcomed those present, and the evening's program featured the 40th Anniversary of NCSML and the 20th anniversary of Guild of NCSML. Pat Martin wrote the script, which was entitled "This is Your History." "Historic People" featured included Irene Hamous, Ken Erger, George Joens, Marj Nejd, John Rocarek, Bob Schaffer, and Jessie Stastny. Pat Martin and Guild President Diane Hayes narrated the program.

A series of more than 60 historic photos ran on a loop throughout the dinner, and 40-year Timelines were given to guests.

Marge Stone and Patty Hikiji, two of Guild's founders, were featured in a tribute to the original five, as were the Presidents of Guild the past 20 years. The story of the founding of the Guild, written by Patty (Christle Hikiji) and the names of Guild presidents for the past 20 years are on the insert.

Guild members teach, lead tours, bake and cook Czech and Slovak delicacies, raise funds, maintain cultural traditions and support NCSML as well as other cultural organizations in the area.

Here's to the next 20!



Left to right front row: John Rocarek, Irene (Naxera) Hamous, Jessie (Nemecek) Stastny, Diane Hayes, Pat Martin. Back row: George Joens, Marj (Kopacek) Nejd, Bob Schaffer, Ken Erger.



A full house was on hand for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Appreciation Dinner photos by Rob Merritt



At far left: Jerry Campbell welcomes guests and kicks off the raffle drawing with Leah Wilson.

Door prize winner Carmen (Mrvicka) Henderson receives congratulations from NCSML staff member Carrie Kriz.

Taste of Czech & Slovak 'tasting' dinner opens Houby Days weekend celebration

Recipes handed down by generations of Czech and Slovak cooks became culinary delights for the 13th Taste of Czech & Slovak dinner held May 16 at NCSML. Some 235 patrons enjoyed more than a dozen offerings, including appetizers, soups, salads, sides, entrees, and desserts, during the event that kicked off Houby Days in Czech Village.

Dinner Profit: \$2611
Bake Sale: \$750
GRAND TOTAL: \$3361

Yay Guild!

Pickled Bologna, Slovak Meatballs, Mushroom Soup, Czech Goulash, Paprika Chicken, Cerna Kuba, Pork & Sauerkraut, Slovak Potato Salad, Green Beans, Cucumber Salad, Applesauce, Rye Bread, and Lemon Poppy Seed Cake, Czech Garnets, and Bublina comprised the dinner, with samples served in 2.5 oz cups. And what better way to express a culture than to prepare and enjoy the "tastes" of their favorite foods

All foods were cooked by Guild members and the following local restaurants: Smuggler's Wharf, Sykora Bakery, The Red Frog, and Zins. Another merchant neighbor, Wilson Avenue HyVee, contributed discounts for recipe ingredients, purchased by Guild members.

Tickets were sold at the door: \$12 for adults and free for children age 10 and under. Music provided by Czech Plus Band.



Committee members, front: Diane Hayes, Diana Geoffrey, Suzanne Charipar, and Karen Hospodarsky; back: Ed Popelka, Shirley Alexander. Not present for photo Diane Moore.



Guild President's Message - The Flip Side



Diane Hayes

In the past I have mentioned several times what you could and often do both for the NCSML and the NCSML Guild. Let's take a minute and think about the flip side of the equation. *What does the NCSML and the Guild of the NCSML do for you?*

Education: You have a unique opportunity to learn first hand about your heritage through the many programs offered, exposure to top notch exhibitions, workshops with

distinguished guests and a full educational library at your fingertips. When you assist with the many classes for school age children, bus tours, Girl Scouts etc. you yourself learn more about the entire Museum and all that entails. Not to mention fun crafts that educate in another way. Many times the special programs and events are discounted to Guild members which is always a thoughtful treat.

Personal Development: Did you ever think in your future you could be a docent, speak in public, chair and/or serve on a vital committee? How about learning to organize yourself and others? Meeting these challenges helps you gain self confidence in all the other aspects of your life. Doesn't it feel wonderful and personally rewarding to succeed in things you have never done or thought you couldn't do in a million years?

Social Network: We are all social beings as a member of the human race. We all need social contacts to survive in this big world. We all need to belong to a pack. As a Guild member or member of the NCSML you are part of highly successful group and a prestigious Museum. Not many people can make that claim to fame! The Guild offers you opportunities to be as involved as you wish in areas that interest you. What a way to spend your days. You are kept busy and best of all our minds are kept busy and focused on good things. There are ample opportunities to make new friends while keeping up with old friendships. Remember the old song "make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other gold"? Count all the friendships old and new that you have within these organizations as true blessings and know you have never ending support.

So enjoy the meetings, our social gatherings, the multiple educational and volunteer opportunities that are available to all of us so we are able to keep learning and growing personally. We are never too old!

In ending, I hope you will reap the rewards of being a valuable member of the NCSML and The Guild of the NCSML. We are all very happy that you belong to our pack!

Diane Hayes, President of The Guild of The NCSML

NCSML President's Message



Gail Naughton

Dear Guild Members,

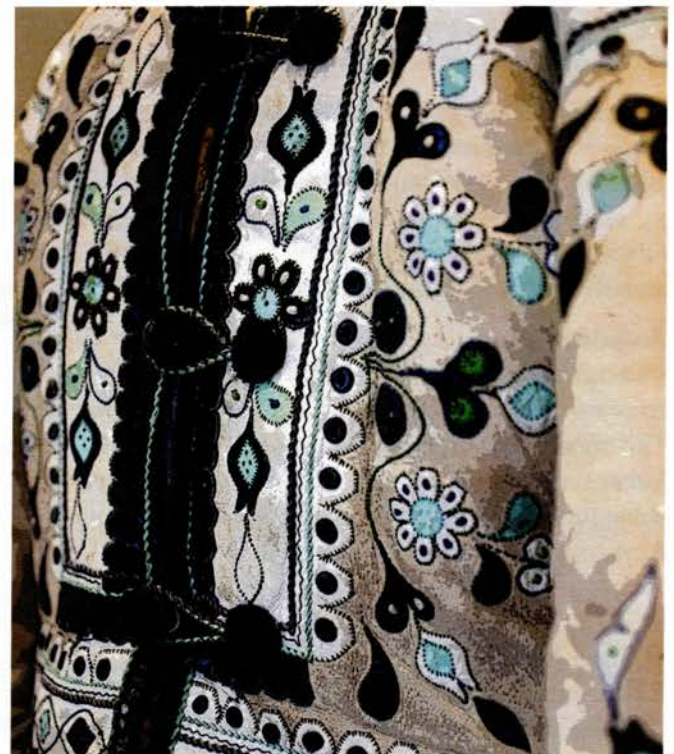
My, how the year is racing along. I'm so pleased Taste of Czech is on the calendar for this year. It is such a favorite with our members and friends, and it is also such a wonderful expression of the culture and heritage. The halls have been ringing with the voices of students here on their annual tours, which is music to our ears because this is where our mission delivery starts.

Special thanks to the education volunteers for your extra help during this especially busy time.

I'm sorry to say that I won't be able to attend the Volunteer Appreciation dinner on May 8. I will be on my way back from New York where I'm attending the opening reception for an exhibit by Peter Sis. The exciting news is that his exhibit will be coming here in August. His award-winning work is praised all over the world. One of his latest projects was the design of a large weaving in honor of Vaclav Havel that now hangs in the Havel Airport in Prague.

Enjoy the dinner and know that you have my deepest appreciation for all you do for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library each and every day.

With sincere appreciation,
Gail Naughton



Minutes of the February 2014 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML on Saturday, February 1, 2014, at 9 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Ed Popelka led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 42 members and 2 visitors present.

Annual Meeting Report: Gail Naughton reported on the Museum's Annual Meeting. She listed highlights of the past year and said the Museum's net assets have grown again this year. The NCSML has entered into a partnership with the Council of Higher Education and received a \$2.7 million endowment from this organization. The NCSML budget has been approved for 2014. Six staff positions have had hours reduced and a COO will be hired to handle day- to- day business.

Library: Diane Hayes introduced Dave Muhlena who gave a library update. He would like Guild members to use the history booth in the library to record their reasons for joining the Guild and what they have gained from being a Guild member. These could then be used on the Guild website to possibly gain members.

Program: Diane Moore introduced the Director of Communications for the Museum, Rob Merritt. Rob gave a presentation on marketing do's and don'ts. He said he will help the Guild in publicizing their events and would also like to make sure that the Guild has more of a presence on the Museum website.

Volunteer Coordinator: Jerry Campbell told the members of an upcoming Volunteer Fair on March 1, 2014. It will be held following the March Guild meeting and everyone is encouraged to bring a friend. The Guild will provide koláče for the Volunteer event per the Museum's request.

Under The Chandelier: Sylvia Popelka gave a report on the dinner "Under the Chandelier," which was to be held February 14, 2014. It was decided by the committee to postpone the event until next year. There just wasn't enough time to effectively market the event. Both the Museum and the caterer are reserved for February 13, 2015.

President: Diane Hayes introduced new member Virginia Mitchell. She also told members that we will no longer be using the Volgistics system to record volunteer hours. This should now be done in the hour's book located in the Volunteer Lounge. Diane H. also went over the standing committees and their chair people. She told the group that an American- made kroj was donated to the Guild by Shirley Peterson. The Guild has decided to store the kroj for future use. The Volunteer Lounge has been cleaned out with the help of Cindy Monroe, Sylvia and Ed Popelka, Jeanne Vogt, Janet Axtell, and Jerry Campbell. Diane H. told members that Jerry Campbell has asked if the Guild would provide supplies for

the Volunteer Lounge. Loreen Svoboda made a motion that the Guild provides disposable silverware, plates and paper napkins for the Volunteer Lounge. Carol Wohlleben seconded the motion. There was a short discussion and the motion passed with a 100% vote.

Upcoming Events: Sara Jacobmeyer told of some upcoming Museum events. On March 18, 2014, the Bonifantes Boys Choir will perform at St. Wenceslaus Church. They are looking for host families for the boys. February 15, 2014, the Museum will host Cecilia Rusnak with her program "Written in the Czech Landscape. And February 27, 2014, author Toni Brendel will host a lecture and book signing. Jeanne Vogt told the members of the upcoming *Sibrinkey Costume Ball* on March 1, 2014 sponsored by SOKOL. Carol Wohlleben let the group know of a *Lamb Cake Demonstration* class on April 12, 2014 at the Museum. There will also be a Lamb Cake contest at a later date. Marie Webster mentioned the Czech School fundraiser *Chili Supper* to be held on March 8, 2014, at St. Ludmilla's church.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey asked for additions or corrections to the January 2014 meeting Minutes. Sylvia Popelka made a motion to accept the Minutes as distributed. Pat Martin seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as distributed by a 100% vote.

Audit Committee: Committee chair Alicia Jackson read the committees report to the membership. The audit committee found "*In our opinion the NCSML Treasurer's Report by Month presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements of the Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library for the twelve months ended December 31, 2013.*" Alicia thanked committee members Mel Holubar and Linda Koehler.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal reported that the bank balance as of January 31, 2014 was \$10,587. She told the membership that as part of the by laws and policies and procedures the Guild is required to make a financial donation to the NCSML each year. At their January meeting, the Executive Board voted to donate 35% of the group's unallocated funds which would be \$3,500. Sally presented the proposed NCSML Guild budget for 2014. Donna Merkle made a motion to accept the proposed budget for 2014. Joe Kurka seconded the motion which passed with a 100% approval.

Corresponding Secretary: Diane Moore read the top ten volunteers for December 2013. A total of 42 people volunteered 849 hours with Diane Moore contributing the most. In January Diane M. sent cards to Joe Kurka, the family of Leni Stastney and Donna Merkle.

Membership: Betty Sheets reported that we have 135 paid members and thanked Shirley Alexander and Pat Martin for

Celebrating 20 YEARS

The following Guild History was written for the 10th Anniversary of Guild and appeared in the Spring 2004 Guided Page. It was written by one of the founders, Patricia A. Hikiji. We reprint it for posterity and your pleasure!

The Guild History

Following the Velvet Revolution, when Czech and Slovak citizens were free to travel abroad and when Czech and Slovak political and educational leaders were coming to the United States to seek guidance and assistance, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library began receiving requests for receptions for our distinguished visitors. At that time the museum was the concrete block building, at the end of the bridge, and I was the director— and inexperienced in reception planning and arrangements. Fortunately I had two volunteer (and Board member) friends that I could reach out to for help—two ladies who knew what to and how to do it—Mae Novotny and Marge Stone.

These experiences made me aware of one of the museum's particular needs—a support group. The Cedar Rapids Symphony had one, the Indian Creek Nature Center had one, I belonged to three music support groups at the high school, alone, so why not one for the Museum. To further explore this idea, I contacted six ladies and invited them to meet with me. One was not able to participate at this time, but on Saturday afternoon, November 13, 1993, the other five came to my “office”—the converted storage area and furnace room, above the exhibit floor, of the former museum. Evelyn Lamparek, Mae Novotny, Sylvia Rohlena, Dorothy Snitil, Marge Stone, and I sat down to explore the possibility of forming a guild.

Our second meeting was held on February 5, 1994. Dorothy Snitil was not able to continue on the committee. The other members decided that Sylvia Rohlena would act as chairperson. Mae Novotny would be the acting secretary and I would be the liaison between the newly formed guild and the museum.

On March 5, 1995, Wendy Brooker, who at that time was the Czech Village Coordinator, joined our committee of five. At this meeting, we decided we would call ourselves The Museum Guild (of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library), and we stated our purpose, in writing, for the first time — “The purpose of the guild is to serve as an educational, service, and social organization for the Museum.”

At our April meeting, the committee decided to invite prospective members to a “coffee” as a way of organizing a nucleus group for the new Guild. We prepared a list of names, outlined a program, and sent out invitations.

On May 14, the steering committee met to finalize plans for the “coffee” to be held at 9:00 a.m. on May 21, 1994 at Jenny's Café in Czech Village. Sylvia donated a small Czech doll to be used as a door prize and the committee members agreed to each put in \$10.00 to cover the cost of the refreshments.

And, as they say, the Museum Guild was born.

—Patricia A. Hikiji



Decorated “Birthday” Cake, created by Diane Moore!!

Timeline for 40 years of NCSML

Started by Volunteers With a Dream

1972 Czech Village Association was informally organized by merchants, following the example of previous **16th Avenue Commercial Club**.

July 7, 1975 Czech Village Association was incorporated.

Feb. 14, 1974 Czech Heritage Foundation was formed. George Joens (Joens Bros. Interiors) was first President. Other steering committee members: George Barta (Saddle and Leather Shop); Rev. Robert Cizek (St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church); George Chmelicek (United State Bank); Richard D. Holden (attorney with offices in First Trust Building); Raphael Snitil (Slavia Agencies); Melvina Svec (retired college professor); Charles Vyskocil (Western Fraternal Life), Roland Raim (Czech Heritage Band).

Nov. 8, 1974 Czech Fine Arts Foundation was formed.

May 8, 1978 Czech Fine Arts Foundation established the first Czech Museum and Library in the “little house” at 1607 C. St. S.W.

May 16, 1981 The second site of Czech Museum and Library was opened in the cinder block building formerly on A. Street and 16th Ave. S.W.

Nov. 6, 1984 Czech Fine Arts Foundation was re-named National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Oct. 21, 1995 The third building that housed NCSML on the Cedar River at A. St. and 16th Ave, was dedicated, with U.S. President William Clinton, Czech Republic President Václav Havel, and Slovakian President Michal Kováč presiding.

The Flood of 2008 inundated NCSML, which was sited on the bank of the Cedar River. Our staff was indefatigable!

A temporary museum was opened at Lindale Mall, fall of 2008. During this time, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art housed “Treasures from the National Collection.” Thus, NCSML maintained a community presence and received continued community support. The Kosek Building in Czech Village was purchased by NCSML and the Museum opened there in March 2011. (That location on “The Avenue” is now maintained as a satellite of NCSML.) Funding was accomplished and the original building moved to higher ground and expanded. The move took several months, but culminated in June, 2011.

June 14-15, 2012 Today’s National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library was re-dedicated and re-open. Doubled in size, this 50- thousand square feet edifice houses three galleries, a library providing genealogical services and research, multi-purpose space for events and education, a museum store, and an outdoor amphitheater.

Past Presidents of the Guild

Charter President.....	Sylvia Rohlena
1995-96.....	Sylvia Rohlena
1997.....	Marilyn Tucker
1998.....	Maridee Dugger
1999.....	Sylvia Rohlena
2000-01.....	Gary Dvorak
2002-2003.....	Beula Dvorak
2004-05.....	Andrea Siebenmann
2006-07.....	Shirley Alexander
2008.....	Marilyn Tucker
2009-10.....	Pat Martin
2011-12.....	Carol Wohlleben
2013-14.....	Diane Hayes

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 the persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Words from the Volunteer Coordinator



Jerry Campbell

THANK YOU to everyone who came to our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Seeing everybody there—and remembering all of those who could not be with us that night—was a reminder of the endless hours our hundreds of volunteers have dedicated to making NCSML the incredible museum it is. The look back over the last 40 years was an inspiration, and with well over a hundred volunteers in attendance we know the museum will stay strong well into the future.

Weeks of work by The Guild made the Taste of Czech & Slovak a great success and the perfect way to begin Houby Days. Events like this keep Czech & Slovak culture thriving here, and the lines out the door show how eager people are to support it. The food was delicious, the table settings were beautiful, and more than 250 people bought tickets!

With spring we are seeing more programs and events along with increased attendance during regular open hours. With all of these comes the need for more volunteers! Please let us know if you can help. And as always, thank you to everyone in The Guild for all that you do to support NCSML. We would not be able to do it without you!

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making friendly reminder phone calls to unpaid members. The new membership list is available now.

Food Safety Class: Carol Wohlleben announced that the safe food handling class she was going to present today has been postponed due to a house fire she and her husband experienced.

Masopust: Lavanda Woosley invited members to join her in a trip to Cresco, Iowa, on March 1, 2014, for the annual Masopust celebration.

Memoir Writing: Sandra Hudson informed the membership that she and John Hudson would be offering a memoir writing group if they get enough interest. Please see one of them after the meeting.

Taste of Czech & Slovak: Diane Hayes asked the membership if there was any interest in bringing back the Taste of Czech & Slovak this year. Discussion followed. The event would be held on Friday May 16, 2014. Lavanda Woosley made a motion that we have the Taste of Czech & Slovak this year. Betty Sheets seconded the motion which passed with 100% vote. Diane H. informed the membership that they will have to be involved and supportive if this event is to continue in the future. She also advised a Chairman will be needed. A committee will be formed to work out the format of the dinner as to price, menu etc. Please let Diane know if you are interested in being a part of this committee.

Parades: Sara Jacobmeyer will check to see if there will be St. Joseph's Day or Houby Day parades in the Village.

Attendance Lottery: Diana Geoffrey and Jeanne Vogt donated items to the attendance lottery. The next Guild meeting and Volunteer Day will be Saturday March 1, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. A potluck followed the meeting.

Diana Geoffrey, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the March 2014 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday March 1, 2014 at 9 am. Vice-president Ed Popelka called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 37 members and 1 guest (Carmen Henderson) present.

Program: Diane Moore introduced Museum Volunteer Coordinator Jerry Campbell who spoke about the Volunteer Fair which follows today's meeting. He reminded everyone to please record ALL volunteer hours including driving times. Jerry also said that the Museum needs more daily volunteers.

Recording Secretary: Ed Popelka asked for any additions

or corrections to the February Minutes. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal said the ending balance as of February 28, 2014 was \$6,918. She also told the members that per the revised by laws and policies and procedures, the NCSML Guild gave the NCSML \$3,500 as their monetary contribution for 2013.

Volunteer Hours: Seventy-four people volunteered a total of 856.33 hours during the month of January 2014. Diane Moore contributed the most with 66 hours.

Guided Page: Pat Martin told members that she is very pleased that as of today there are 12 Museum staff members who are also Guild members. She gave a big thank you to those members who are: Jason Wright, Jan Stoffer, Catharine Otto, Carrie Kriz, Amy Lyness, Stefanie Kohn, Sara Jacobmeyer, Kecia Boysen, Gail Naughton, Dave Muhlana, Elizabeth Schlegel and Jerry Campbell.

Sleger House: Director of Education, Jan Stoffer gave a report on the updated Sleger House History. She told members that the original history had some incorrect information so further research was done and the report rewritten. All members received a copy of the update.

Membership: Sally Stejskal reported that as of February 28, 2014 there are 146 paid Guild members and she received one more today.

St. Joseph's Day Parade: Ed Popelka told the group that there will be a parade on March 22, 2014 at 1 pm. He asked if anyone was interested in forming a parade committee. There was no response. Jan Stoffer said that the NCSML will have an entry and will need participants.

Taste of Czech and Slovak: Suzanne Charipar told members that the event will be held on May 16, 2014 at the Museum. She said the committee would like input from Guild members on past events and to please contact committee members concerning this. Committee members are: Suzanne Charipar, Shirley Alexander, Karen Hospodarsky, Diane Hayes, Diane Moore and Diana Geoffrey.

Bonifantes Boys' Choir: Ed Popelka mentioned the upcoming concert on March 18, 2014 and asked if there was anyone who would like to host any of the boys overnight to contact St. Wenceslaus Church.

Attendance Lottery: The following people donated items for the attendance lottery: Sally Stejskal, Loreen Svoboda, Diana Geoffrey, Shirley Alexander, Jeanne Vogt and Mary VanHouten. The next Guild membership meeting will be Saturday April 5, 2014. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Diana Geoffrey, Recording Secretary

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Minutes of the April 2014 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday April 5, 2014. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Ed Popelka led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 50 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Program: Master folk artist, Marj NejdI gave a program on the egg decorating tradition known as the wax resist method. John Hudson assisted Marj with a power point program. Sandra Hudson then asked members for contributions to document Marj's works. Photos of these items will then go into the Iowa Women's Archive at the University of Iowa Library.

New Members/Visitors: Diane Hayes introduced new members in attendance-Sue Covington, Carmen Henderson and Beth Kucera. Visitor Pam Lewis from Czech Village Antiques and new President of the Czech Village Association was also introduced. Longtime member Olga Jung from Waterloo was also warmly welcomed.

Recognition and Thanks: Diane Hayes thanked Carol Wohlleben and Diane Moore for their help with the past Babi's Kitchen, Bonnie Rohlena for assisting with a Girl Scout group who came to the Museum for a hands on cooking demonstration and Marge Sedlacek and Barb Hill for setting up the last Guild potluck. She also recognized Mary VanHouten for being nominated for the Kirkwood Alumni of the Year. Diane H. then read a letter from Gail Naughton thanking the Guild for our year end monetary contribution to the NCSML.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey asked for additions or corrections to the March 2014 Guild Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal reported that the treasury balance as of March 31, 2014 was \$6,948.00

Historian: Linda Koehler named the history committee members. They are Pat Martin, Marilyn Cooper and Suzanne Charipar.

Membership: Sally Stejskal announced that current Guild members stand at 156. Diane Hayes reported that she would like to send out updated Membership Lists throughout the year.

Guided Page: Pat Martin introduced new member Beth Kucera as the new graphic designer of the Guided Page. Pat will continue to be the editor of the newsletter. She also told the group that color will be added to the newsletter. There will also be improved picture quality. And formatting and layout will be much easier going forward. Also that they are working on putting the newsletter online for members to view.

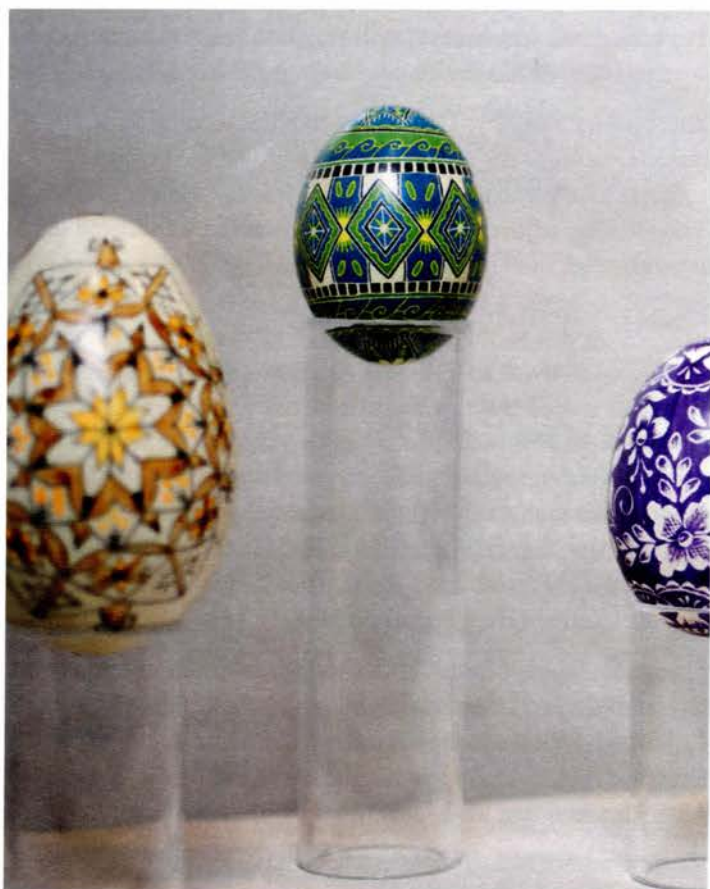
Programs: Jeanne Vogt mentioned some of the upcoming meeting programs including Free Public Libraries and Lou Thompson from the Village Meat Market and Café. She also told the membership that the NCSML will be doing a series of "ExperTEAS". Different topics presented each month on Czech and Slovak traditions and rituals.

Taste of Czech and Slovak: Diana Geoffrey gave a report on the upcoming event. Asking all members to please sign up to either make food or help the night of the event. The Taste of Czech and Slovak will be held Friday May 16, 2014. Serving will be from 5 to 7 pm and the cost will be \$12.00 for adults. Those 10 and under will be admitted free. The Czech Plus Band will be performing and our greeters will be dressed in Kroj. Suzanne Charipar gave an update on the advertising for the event.

Condolences: It was mentioned that facilities director, Grant Smith's Mother passed away recently. The Corresponding Secretary will send the family a card.

Attendance Lottery: The following people donated items for the attendance lottery: Linda Koehler, Marj NejdI, Jeanne Vogt and Pat Martin. The next Guild Meeting will be Saturday May 3, 2014 at the NCSML. Diane Hayes adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Diana Geoffrey, Recording Secretary



Top 10 Volunteers for February 2014

1. Diane Moore	55	6. Pat Martin	23
2. Sally Stejskal	39.5	7. Diane Hayes	20
3. Barb Hill	33	8. Mel Holubar	19.5
4. George Hill	33	9. Donna Merkle	19.5
5. Suzanne Charipar	25	10. Mary Krotz	19

Total 54 Volunteers = 642 hours

Top 10 Volunteers for March 2014

1. Diane Moore	64.5	6. Pat Martin	38
2. Shirley Alexander	48	7. Diane Hayes	36.5
3. Barb Hill	41.5	8. Delores Blood	33
4. George Hill	39	9. Suzanne Charipar	30
5. Sally Stejskal	39	10. Mary Krotz	27.75

Total 56 Volunteers = 817.5 hours

Top 10 Volunteers for April 2014

1. Diane Moore	61.5	6. George Hill	38
2. Pat Martin	53	7. Sally Stejskal	33
3. Diane Hayes	48.5	8. Suzanne Charpar	32
4. Carolyn Holubar	39.5	9. Linda Koehler	27.5
5. Shirley Alexander	39	10. Dolores Blood	25

Total 70 Volunteers = 961.5 hours

Taste of Czech & Slovak Dinner Volunteers

Shirley Alexander	Cindy Monroe
Jan Axtell	Diane & John Moore
Anita Burke	Gail Naughton
Deloris Blood	Marj NejdI
Suzanne Charipar	Marla Nikodim
Marilyn Cooper	Cyndy O'Brien
Sue Covington	Ed Popelka
Barb Edmunds	Carol Ann Rexcoat
Ginger Erger	Bonnie Rohlena
Laverne Fisher	Marge Sedlacek
Shally Garin	Betty Sheets
Diana Geoffrey	Andrea Siebenmann
Irene Hamous	Sally Stejskal
Diane Hayes	Loreen Svoboda
Carmen Henderson	Marilyn Tucker
Bonnie Holubar	Mary VanHouten
Carolyn & Mel Holubar	Jeanne Vogt
Karen Hospodarsky	Dorothy Volkens
Fran Hanzel Johnson	Marie Webster
Bev & Gene Kadlec	Carol Wohlleben
Linda Koehler	Jason Wright
Irene Konecny	Karen Zacek
Beth & Mary Ann Kucera	
Joe Kurka	Grace Dvorakova
Suzie Long	(Mt. Mercy Czech Student)
Pat Martin	Janna Waters
Donna Merkle	(Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa)



New members at April meeting, Carmen Henderson and Sue Covington.

Did you know?

That 11,124 hours were volunteered for NCSML by 116 Guild members in 2013!



Pam Lewis

Attendance Lotto at Guild Meetings...it pays to attend!

Guild of NCSML holds a drawing at the end of each meeting. At the end of the April Meeting, Mary Ann Kucera won an eggshell creation by Marj NejdI. Here are "two sides of the egg."

Congratulations, Mary Ann!

Pam Lewis, President of Czech Village Association

Pam and her husband Ken own Czech Village Antiques. They have been buying and selling antiques for some 40 years and, after seven years of living in the Czech Republic they are back in Cedar Rapids and in business in Czech Village. Another supportive merchant for NCSML!

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

1400 Inspiration Circle at the Heart of Czech Village
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404

Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 7, 9 a.m. at NCSML

Program: Lou Thompson, Village Meat Market & Cafe!

BrewNost 2014 set for October 3!

It has begun! Planning for BrewNost, the 11th annual beer-sipping extravaganza, is under way, with Elizabeth Schlegel, as the new Director of Annual Fund & Special Events. **Circle October 3 on your calendars, from 6:30-10 p.m. at NCSML.**

Guild sponsors \$3000

Guild of NCSML has contributed a sponsorship of \$3000 for BrewNost, and Sheryl and Frank Gardner, and Diane and John Moore are co-chairs, leading our volunteer efforts.

Dave Muhlena

1400 Inspiration Place SW

Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5918



Guided Page has a new face!

Beth Kucera, left, is now the graphic designer of Guided Page. She and Pat Martin, editor, have lots of plans to update and streamline your newsletter. As always, let us hear your ideas and suggestion for story/photo coverage.

Carolyn Holubar continues as photographer and Betty Sheets still maintains mailing records.



NCSML Destination for Slovak Sisters !

Docent Anita Burke enjoyed conversation with "Three Slovak Sisters" who made NCSML a destination for their reunion in mid-April. From left: Kathy Benyack, Dallas, TX; Eileen Benyacko (yes, different spelling) Hollibaugh, West Virginia; Sharon Benyacko Feather, Waterloo IA.

We encourage such "happenings" at NCSML!