

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

It is definitely summertime in Iowa. I hope you have been able to keep cool and comfortable on these hot humid days, but have found many ways to enjoy the summer. Bob and I are heading to the Black Hills in South Dakota for a week of camping and relaxing. We are also enjoying the fruits of our labor from those flower and vegetable gardens that I wrote about last time. What a joy!

I want to publicly thank Irma Kelly and her committee for a successful "Taste of Czech and Slovak" in June as part of Houby Days. Thanks to each of you who donated food or worked in any way to help make this fundraiser a success once again. **THANK YOU!**

For those members who have missed our recent meetings, you have missed out on some wonderful programs. Please remember that our August meeting will again be on Monday night. Then in September, meetings will return to Saturday morning. A date you will certainly want to get on your calendar is our bus trip on October 5th. Look for details on this meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. You will also be hearing more at our next meetings.

The new Membership Book should be available at our August Guild meeting. I want to thank Don Conway for all his work to prepare the membership list for printing. If you don't get yours at the August meeting, I hope to have them available at the Museum for you to pick up.

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SUMMER 2002

The Kroje exhibit continues to bring visitors to the museum. Thank you to all who have been volunteering during this wonderful exhibit.

Over the past several months, the Guild has lost several members due to death. Those have been Pat Pace, Ed Nejd, and Robert Rohlena who were current members and Anne Reif who was a past Guild member. All were dedicated Museum volunteers for many years. We extend our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers to those families. Each will be missed.

The year continues to pass along quickly. In our fast paced society, my hope is that each of you takes time out to "smell the roses" and spend time with family and friends. These are some of the important things in life. Enjoy the rest of summer.

Beula Dvorak, President

Road Trip!

What: Underground Railroad Historical Tour

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library combined with the African American Museum

When: Saturday, October 5, 2002

Itinerary:

7:30 am boarding begins on the Bradley Jo Charters motorcoach at Westdale Mall — Younker's

8:00 am Depart from Cedar Rapids

(Czech Guild Meeting and refreshments while traveling)

Restroom breakstop at Mt. Pleasant

10:30 am Pearson House - Keosauqua - 1 hour

11:30 am Depart for Keosauqua Antique Shop

12:15-1:15 pm Red Barn Bistro Buffet Meal

Pamela Nosek - tells us more about "Nigger Hill"

3:00 - 4:00 pm Lewelling Shrine at Salem

Short break stop in Mt. Pleasant

6:15 pm Approximate arrival in Cedar Rapids

Cost: \$39.00

Payment to Lavanda Woosley

by September 7.

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Beula Dvorak, Guild President
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Guild Program — May 4, 2002

"A Visit With Czech Pianist — Martin Kasik"

Fern Fackler introduced Kathy Hall, Executive Director of the Cedar Rapids Symphony, who presented Martin Kasik.

Martin spoke very good English and shared that he was from a musical family and lived in Moravia near Ostrava. His family preserved the music of the region and Martin started improvising using Czech melodies. He attends the Academy of Performing Arts, has been successful at competitions and has been performing three years as a professional. His concert tour included Houston, San Antonio and Chicago. After the Cedar Rapids performances he will be returning home.

The review by George C. Ford in the Cedar Rapids Gazette reads as follows: "Kasik acclaimed for his dazzling technique, mesmerized the audience with his performance of Chopin's *Piano Concert No. 2 in F. Minor*. After a standing ovation, Kasik returned to the piano for a lightning encore of *Toccata* by Klement Slovicky. His chromatic runs were breathtaking in their intensity and precision."

We were fortunate Martin could spend a short visit with us and we wish this gifted artist a successful and happy future.

— Betty Truesdell

Guild Program — June 10, 2002

"Antonin Dvorak and his Impact on African American Music"

presented by Dr. Peter Alexander

Fern Fackler introduced Dr. Alexander who has a Ph.D. in Musicology and was also involved in the Dvorak Centennial in Spillville.

We were informed that until the American Conservatory of Music was formed in 1892, Germany dominated the music world with schools and influence. Antonin Dvorak was named director of the New Conservatory and arrived in New York. There were African/American students at the Conservatory, which did not charge tuition, and Dvorak was fascinated by their music. He particularly liked "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," which he used as part of his *New World Symphony*. He spent the summer in Spillville, completing the Symphony, which premiered in New York in 1893 and was a major event.

In 1894 a benefit concert for a clothing drive was held and black and white musicians performed together and a black student was the soloist.

When Dvorak returned to his Czech homeland in 1895, he wrote an article praising African/American folk music which caused a furor.

When Antonin died in 1904, "The Freeman," a black newspaper gave tribute to him saying "His grave would be filled with tears."

Dr. Alexander had a wealth of information and was well versed in his subject.

— Betty Truesdell



TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2002

April 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in April — 50

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 701

Bob Stone	61.50
Marj Nejd	57.50
Marge Stone	44.00
Laverne Fisher	40.50
Marilyn Tucker	39.25
Dolores Usher	32.00
Inez Popelka	25.50
Irma Rozek	25.00
Milly Ortner	21.50
Pauline Jasa	20.00

Notes from Patty . . .

Thank You:

I would like to thank Bob and Marilyn Tucker for serving as escorts for a day, providing transportation and lunch for Helene Cincebeaux and her mother, Helen Baine.

Thank you, also, to Charles and Laverne Fisher and Bob and Marge Stone - Guild members who provided housing and breakfast for members of the Czech Nonet chamber ensemble, performing at Coe's Sinclair Auditorium on April 22. Other volunteers serving as host were Jan and Vic Naxera, Ann and Wayne Scott and Milton Polehna.

Future "Reception" Needs:

September 28 - Coffee and Cookies Exhibit Opening in South Hall "Czech Women in the West"

October 12 - Coffee and Cookies

Concert: *Eva Blahová* - soprano (also guest housing - preferably with a piano)

October 19 - Coffee and Cookies

Concert: *Red Cedar Chamber Music*

—Patricia A. Hikiji,

Volunteer Coordinator

May 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in May — 51

Number of Guild hours recorded — 526.25

Inez Popelka	32.50
Lillian Kopecky	31.25
Irma Modracek	26.00
Dolores Usher	23.50
Charles Opatrny	21.50
Lavanda Woosley	21.00
Irma Rozek	20.00
Joan Hemphill	19.50
Alicia Jackson	18.75
Mana Zlatohlavek	17.75

Marge Stone's In-A-Flash Toffee

35 saltine crackers (I use reduced fat club crackers)

1 cup butter, cut up

1 cup packed brown sugar

1½ cups semisweet or milk chocolate pieces (I use Hershey Bars)

1 cup chopped pecans

1) Line a 15 x 10 x 1 inch baking pan with foil. Arrange crackers in one layer to cover foil. Set this layer aside.

2) In a microwave safe bowl, combine butter and brown sugar. Microwave on 100% power for 2 to 3 minutes or until butter melts. Stir for 1 to 2 minutes or until well combined (I add 1 tsp. vanilla) and spread evenly over the crackers.

3) Bake in a 375° oven for 10 minutes.

4) Remove from oven and sprinkle chocolate pieces over toffee. Let stand 2 minutes. Spread evenly over top. Sprinkle with pecans and gently press the nuts into the chocolate.

5) Chill in refrigerator about 1 hour or until candy is firm. Break into pieces. Store in covered container in the refrigerator or freezer.

Associate Editors Note: Marge served this delicious candy at our June Guild meeting and *everyone* wanted her recipe!

June 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in June — 49

Number of Guild hours recorded — 430.5

Dolores Usher	28.50
Emma Davidson	21.50
Leo Modracek	15.50
JoAnne Neff	15.50
Bob Stone	14.75
Betty Petrzalek	14.50
Lillian Kopecky	14.50
Ed Hemphill	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Irma Modracek	14.00
Inez Popelka	14.00
Gary Dvorak	13.50
Laverne Fisher	13.00
Mana Zlatohlavek	12.50
Barbara Aquirre	12.00

Guild Program — July 8, 2002

"Miss Czech-Slovak USA" Lisa Volesky

The Guild was in for a treat when Fern Fackler introduced the vivacious Lisa Volesky. She gave a presentation along with a video to show what occurred at the pageants, which she enjoyed very much. She told of her travels throughout the United States, attending festivals, as well as interesting highlights of her trip to the Czech Republic. One of her major thrills was being able to speak at the World Congress in Pilsen.

Lisa also presented her beautiful new Kroj and described it in detail. She truly has been an excellent representative of the Czech/Slovak community locally and nationally and we thank her for her many achievements and contributions.

—Betty Truesdell

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Cynthia Tucker Shaffer
Editor



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MEETING NOTICE

Monday 6:30 p.m.
August 12, 2002

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Monday, AUGUST 12, 2002

6:30 p.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"Learning the Czech Language After Age 50"

Presented by Bob Stone

Meeting hosted by Rose Kopecky, Zula Oujiri and Virginia Wilts

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7, 2002

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"Wheat Weaving" by Robin Buckalew

Meeting hosted by Martha Divishek, Lydia Elias and Irma Kelly

Saturday, October 5, 2002

7:30 a.m. Board bus at Westdale Mall - Younker's

*****Road Trip*****

**"The Underground Railroad in SE Iowa
Historical Tour"**

Presented by Lavanda Woosley

Meeting hosted by Gary Dvorak and Fern Fackler

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

From the Board and Membership of the Museum Guild
to the Family and Friends of:

ANNE REIF

A Wonderful Volunteer



ROBERT C. ROHLENA

Guild Member

~We will all miss Anne and Robert~

