

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

I know it's been some time since we've had a Museum Guild Newsletter. For several months this fall/winter Bob and Marilyn Tucker had been with their daughter Cynthia until her death in December. As you know, Cynthia was editor of The Guilded Page and Marilyn assisted her in many ways. We will miss Cynthia greatly, but are delighted that Marilyn will pick up as editor for us. I am confident that The Guilded Page will continue in the quality that we have enjoyed. Thank you Marilyn.

This newsletter contains many articles you won't want to miss reading: officers for 2003, committees for 2003, the Guild's Annual Report given at the Annual Meeting of the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, a very successful Cookie Walk in December, minutes from several past meetings, meeting dates for the coming year, and much more.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to serve on a committee for this year. I know the Program Committee has



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already been hard at work planning great programs for the coming year. The Fund Raising Committee will soon begin planning for "A Taste of Czech" to be held in conjunction with Houby Days again in May.

Thank you to the membership for supporting two financial requests for the Museum at the February meeting. The purchase of a portable sound system (\$2000) should enhance many programs given at the Museum, including our Guild meetings. Participating in the 3-Year Exhibit Fund (\$5000) exemplifies the dedication to our mission which is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Sincerely,

Beula Dvorak, President

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### 2003 Museum Guild Officers

- President . . . . . Beula Dvorak
- Vice President . . . . . Andrea Siebenmann
- Treasurer . . . . . Virginia Wilts
- Recording Secretary . . . . . Shirley Alexander
- Corresponding Secretary . . . . . Alicia Jackson
- Museum Guild Rep. . . . . Leo Modracek
- Ex-Officio . . . . . Gary Dvorak

### Fourth "Cookie Walk" — A Sweet Success!

Thank you to those who baked cookies, helped at the sale of the cookies, helped with set up and clean up. We can all be proud of a very successful event. The Guild's net profit was \$1,016.38. Congratulations and thanks to all for a job well done!

— Irma Kelly





The Guild of  
**The National Czech & Slovak  
 Museum & Library**  
 2002 Annual Report

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

January 20, 2003

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.

The membership count for the Museum Guild for 2002 was approximately 105. We were saddened to lose several members through death this year. Those were Pat Pace, Ed Nejd, Robert Rohlena, Anne Reif, Martha Krejci, and Cynthia Tucker Shaffer. All were valuable current or past members, having contributed many hours of service to The Museum Guild.

Monthly meetings are held, with programs that enrich our members' cultural heritage or provide valuable information regarding museum exhibits. Programs during 2002 included:

- Interpretation for Kroje-Dress for the Dance of Life
- A visit with Czech pianist Martin Kasik
- Antonin Dvorak and his Impact on African American Music
- Miss Czech/Slovak USA, Lisa Volesky
- Learning the Czech Language

Two annual fund raisers were held during 2002: The Taste of Czech in May in conjunction with Houby Days, and a Cookie Walk in December. Both were very successful this year and will continue to allow the Guild to contribute to the Museum's Endowment Fund each year and support additional needs of the Museum. The Guild's cookbook continues to sell in the Museum Store.

Providing volunteer hours for the Museum is the biggest project for The Museum Guild.

Volunteer opportunities include working with the exhibits, in the Museum Store, the Library, the Office, doing programs for Learn at Lunch, doing demonstrations during special events, baking, hosting receptions, gardening, and guest housing. Guild members participated in every one of these capacities during 2002.

For example, during 2002, Guild Members hosted receptions for five concerts, assisted with refreshments for the *Kroje Symposium and Genealogical Society Conference*, provided a brunch for a Dance Festival, provided lunch for visiting Czech & Slovak city officials, provided guest housing for foreign guests,



did kolache demonstrations, provided Learn at Lunch presentations, conducted painting classes, and much more.

Guild members are encouraged to record their volunteer hours, which Patty Hikiji then uses in a variety of ways. However, we know that there are many hours that do not get recorded.

The Number of Guild members recording hours in 2002-----68

The Number of hours recorded by Guild members in 2002-----6145

The Number of hours served ranged up to 350 hours.

1-50 hours-----	28 members
51-99 hours-----	15 members
100-150 hours-----	14 members
152-250 hours-----	9 members
251-350 hours-----	2 members

Each member has been challenged for 2003 to move into the next category of hours served. For example if someone served 75 hours, they are challenged to increase that to at least 100 hours.

**The Top Ten Volunteers for 2002:**

<b>Dolores Usher</b> -----	346.00
<b>Bob Stone</b> -----	273.75
<b>Alicia Jackson</b> -----	243.25
<b>Irma Modracek</b> -----	227.50
<b>Lillian Kopecky</b> -----	212.00
<b>Marj Nejd</b> -----	205.50
<b>Inez Popelka</b> -----	205.00
<b>Laverne Fisher</b> -----	193.00
<b>Leo Modracek</b> -----	164.75
<b>Shirley Alexander</b> -----	161.00

The Guild officers and members look forward to 2003 as a year when we are able to continue to support The Museum in a variety of ways to enable The Museum enjoy the great success it has in past years.

— Beula Dvorak  
 2002 Guild President



## ... I thank You ...

February 10, 2003

Dear Members of the Museum Guild:

Your board will receive an official thank you later, but I just wanted to personally tell you thanks right away for the generosity of your commitment to the museum's projects.

The \$5000 you voted for the exhibit fund will help sponsor all the fantastic temporary exhibits over the next three years - educating and entertaining the 60,000 - 90,000 people who will visit the museum during 2003, 2004, and 2005. And the \$2000 you approved for purchasing a sound system will be put to good use at dozens of programs and events for many, many years to come.

Thank you all for all your hard work in fund raising, volunteering, and for your generosity of spirit which keeps Czech and Slovak heritage alive in Cedar Rapids and throughout the nation!

Regards,

Laurie Robinson

Director of Development & Communications

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

ROBERTA R. CLINE

ROBERT R. RICHARDSON

ROBIN R. CLINE

\*\*\*ADDRESS CHANGE\*\*\*

JAN STOFFER TURSI

BETTE KRALL

### 2003 MUSEUM GUILD COMMITTEES

#### EDUCATION:

Bob Stone, Chm.  
Emil Koval  
Virginia Wilts (Sponsor)

#### FUND RAISING:

Irma Kelly, Chm.  
Frank Novotny  
Barb Edmunds  
Andrea Seibenmann, Sponsor)

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Milly Ortner, Chm.  
Lillian Kopecky  
Virginia Wilts (Sponsor)

#### HISTORY & PROPERTY:

Marge Stone, Chm.  
Alicia Jackson (Sponsor)

#### PROGRAM:

Zula Oujiri, Chm.  
Rose Kopecky  
Irma Modracek  
Lavanda Woosley  
Andrea Seibenmann (Sponsor)

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Gary Dvorak, Chm.  
Beula Dvorak  
Marilyn Tucker  
Shirley Alexander (Sponsor)

#### PUBLICATIONS:

Marilyn Tucker, Chm.  
Fran Hanzel Johnson  
Zula Oujiri  
Betty Truesdell  
Bob Tucker  
Shirley Alexander (Sponsor)

#### SOCIAL:

Irma Kelly, Chm.  
Irma Rozek  
Dolores Usher  
Mana Zlatohlavek  
Andrea Seibenmann, Sponsor

#### GARDEN:

Mel Holubar, Co-Chm  
Carolyn Holubar, Co-Chm.  
Leni Stastny  
Leo Modracek (Sponsor)

#### VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Patty Hikiji, Chm.  
Beula Dvorak (Sponsor)

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE

Bob Stone  
Leni Stastny  
Emil Koval  
Beula Dvorak (Sponsor)





## ~ ~ ~ PROGRAMS ~ ~ ~

Museum Guild Program  
February 1, 2003  
**"SLOVAKIAN CUSTOMS"**  
Presented by Andrea Siebenmann

We were treated to a delightful video of Andrea's niece's wedding in Slovakia. We first see the family members making small corsages of rosemary and flowers tied with ribbon to be presented to each member attending the wedding.

The groom must meet with the bride's parents before the wedding and ask for her hand and again the day of the wedding. Before the ceremony the parents give a blessing, which is very sentimental. There are no bridesmaids or best man, but merely a witness for each side. The bride places the boutonniere on the groom's lapel and he hands her the wedding bouquet.

The traditional wedding march was played and the bride was beautiful in satin and lace. The wedding was held in a cathedral with a traditional mass.

The reception was held at a restaurant and the bride and her handsome groom toasted each other and then broke the glasses. He then proceeded to sweep up the glass and the bride held the dust pan which symbolized they were now partners. The groom carried his bride to the table where they fed each other chicken noodle soup. Andrea mentioned that her mother had made homemade noodles for the soup and then taken them to the restaurant. A DJ played music for dancing and often times the reception would last until 4:00 A.M.

At midnight, the couple would have their last dance and then she would remove her veil and a scarf would be placed on her head to designate she is now a married lady. They are both held up high on chairs where they again toast each other. They then change to their traveling attire but must return to the reception and stay until the last guest leaves.

Thank you, Andrea, for a wonderful experience in Slovakia

— Betty Truesdell

Museum Guild Program  
October 5, 2002  
**"THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD  
IN SE IOWA HISTORICAL TOUR"**  
Presented by Lavanda Woosley  
(Combined with the African American  
Museum)

Fifty people, including Joe Nolte of the African American Museum, and historian and lecturer, Dr. Gaylin Berrier of Iowa City looked forward eagerly to Lavanda's well planned tour to Keosauqua and Salem. Delicious kolaches, strudel and beverages were served by Fern Fackler and Gary Dvorak.

Beula Dvorak, Guild President, conducted a brief meeting. Lavanda reported that the program for the November 2 Guild meeting would be a talk from a merchant from the Saddle and Leather shop in the Czech Village. The "Cookie Walk" will be held December 14. The nominating committee was selected. Vera Conway, Olga Sedenka and Betty Truesdell will serve.

Before our first stop at the Pearson House in Keosauqua Dr. Berrier informed us that the "Underground Railroad" was organized in 1833 which was about the same time the steam railroad came into being. Hiding places were basements, trap doors, garrets, out buildings, and timber or prairie grass. The abolitionists who helped the slaves were generally Quakers and Congregationalists.

The "Underground Railroad" ended with the Civil War. Keosauqua and Mt. Pleasant both had early African/American settlements with several churches. We found the Pearson House to be very interesting and were given a guided tour which included a trap door. In 1852 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written, which was based on a true story but it was rare that women with children would try to escape as it was too difficult for them to succeed.

Pamela Nosek, Research Coordinator for the African American Museum also was

an excellent lecturer and gave additional information on "Nigger Hill" in Keosauqua

After a delicious lunch stop at the Red Barn Bistro, we toured the Leweling House in Salem which was built in 1840. A great number of slaves were hidden here by the Quakers.

As we arrived back in Cedar Rapids, we all agreed it had been a perfect fall day and a very interesting trip. Thank you, Lavanda.

— Betty Truesdell



Museum Guild Program  
September 7, 2002  
**"WHEAT WEAVING"**  
Presented by Robin Buckalew

Leni Stastny introduced Robin who began her presentation by admitting she was self-taught and her first ideas came from magazines. Since then she has done a lot of research into European straw art which originally was peasant or true folk art. In the pre-Christian era, the designs were patterned after spirits and decorations were made at harvest time.

Straw was handy and pretty and many different patterns were utilized such as stars, horns of plenty, and animals, such as wolves which were the last harvest symbols. Good luck charms were made and the egg was a symbol of healing and protection. Gypsies put wheat in babies hands when they were born. Sandals and bedding were also made from wheat and rye was used in roofs. Wheat was found to be more pliable than rye.

Robin pointed out that the craft was revived in the 50's and many different styles are used. The samples she displayed showed she is accomplished in her craft and she was patient in describing the various procedures.

— Betty Truesdell



## TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

### August 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in August — 46  
**Number of Guild Hours recorded — 499.75**

Marilyn Tucker	32.00
Dolores Usher	32.00
Dorothy Conner	24.25
Alicia Jackson	23.25
Lillian Kopecky	21.00
Bob Stone	19.50
Sherlee Peterson	18.50
Ed Hemphill	17.50
Joan Hemphill	17.50
Milly Ortner	16.00
JoAnne Neff	15.50
Betty Petrzalek	14.50

### September 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in September — 56  
**Number of Guild Hours recorded — 550.5**

Emma Davidson	29.00
Dolores Usher	27.00
Shirley Alexander	23.50
Dorothy Conner	23.00
Lillian Kopecky	21.25
Alicia Jackson	21.00
Martha Divishek	17.50
Laverne Fisher	16.00
Ed Hemphill	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Charles Opatrny	14.00
Inez Popelka	14.00
Carolyn Holubar	13.00

### October 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in October — 48  
**Number of Guild hours recorded — 437.5**

Alicia Jackson	23.00
Inez Popelka	23.00
Dolores Usher	22.00
Laverne Fisher	19.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	18.50
Lydia Elias	18.00
Ed Hemphill	17.50
Betty Petrzalek	17.50
Marjeanne Jungjohann	16.00
John Cimburek	14.00
Joan Hemphill	14.00
Bob Stone	14.00
Irma Rozek	13.00
Marge Stone	12.00

### November 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in November — 47  
**Number of Guild Hours recorded — 446.75**

Marj NejdI	33.00
Shirley Alexander	28.00
Alicia Jackson	24.00
Charles Opatrny	21.00
Laverne Fisher	17.50
JoAnne Neff	16.00
Barb Aguirre	16.00
Evelyn Dvorak	14.00
Gary Dvorak	14.00
Marjeanne Junghohann	13.75
Bob Stone	12.50
Beula Dvorak	11.50

### December 2002

Number of Guild members recording hours in December — 43  
**Number of Guild Hours recorded — 521**

Alicia Jackson	34.25
Dolores Usher	34.00
Marj NejdI	33.50
Irma Modracek	27.50
Inez Popelka	24.50
Shirley Alexander	23.50
Lillian Kopecky	20.00
Betty Petrzalek	18.50
Ed Hemphill	17.50
Joan Hemphill	17.50
Dorothy Conner	15.00
Beula Dvorak	15.00

### January 2003

Number of Guild members recording hours in January — 37  
**Number of Guild hours recorded — 359**

Dolores Usher	32.00
Alicia Jackson	25.00
Shirley Alexander	18.00
Ed Hemphill	17.50
Joan Hemphill	17.50
Laverne Fisher	17.00
Irma Modracek	14.00
Charles Opatrny	14.00
Barbara Aguirre	12.00
Leo Modracek	12.00
JoAnne Neff	12.00
Milly Ortner	11.50
Betty Petrzalek	11.00
Lydia Elias	10.50
Marjeanne Jungjohann	10.50
Inez Popelka	10.50

*(Editor's note: The following items were sent to the editor in a timely fashion but due to not having an Autumn Guilded Page they are being included in this issue)*

### NOTES FROM PATTY:

A sincere thank you to the Guild members who volunteered in various hospitality capacities during the Museums 2 day "Kroje Symposium" held on September 6 and 7.

Also thank you to the Guild members who volunteered in various hospitality capacities for the Mel Spinar Reception, the CGSI Reception, the Eva Blahova Reception and the Red Cedar Chamber Music Reception during the month of October.

Cookies and hostesses will be needed for the Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference sponsored by the NCSML in March. The Conference will

*Editor's Note: 2002 Summary of Hours is in the 2002 Annual Report on Page 2.*

be held at Collins Plaza on March 7 and 8. Would the Guild members be willing to bake for this event and may I refer this to the Social & Hospitality Committee?

— Patricia A. Hikiji  
 Volunteer Coordinator

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Marilyn Shima Tucker  
Editor



## MEETING NOTICE

Saturday 9:30 a.m.

March 1, 2003

### UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

Saturday, MARCH 1, 2003

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"Museum Artifacts"

Presented by Carmen Langel

Hosts: Shirley Alexander and Andrea Seibenmann

Saturday, APRIL 5, 2003

9:30 a. m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"River Run"

Presented by Mark Hunter and Jan Stoffer Tursi

Hosts: TBA

### 2003 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

Saturday, May 3, 2003

➤ ... Monday, June 9, 2003

➤ ... Monday, July 14, 2003

➤ ... Monday, August 11, 2003

Saturday, September 6, 2003

Saturday, October 4, 2003

Saturday, November 1, 2003. . .

Saturday December 13, 2003 "*Cookie Walk*"

(June, July and August are Monday evening meetings at 6:30 p.m.)

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

### OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to the Family and Friends of Guild Members:



~ MARTHA KREJCI ~

1914 - 2002



~ CYNTHIA TUCKER SHAFFER ~

1953 ~ 2002