

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Museum Guild Members:

This spring was wet and windy. Now our summer has been hot and dry. I can only imagine what fall will bring.

We had a very successful Taste of Czech event on May 18. We ran out of food and Fruit Slush (my serving responsibility) which was a good sign of a well planned event. Since I handled the beverages, I had the opportunity to talk to almost everyone who attended our event. They were very pleased with the food and had an enjoyable time. I even sold a Guild membership that evening. I want to thank everyone who provided food and/or worked the event.

The new exhibit *Twentieth Century Sensations* is now open and Patty will need additional people to help man the stations. She needs a minimum of four people for the morning and afternoon schedule. Please check you calendars and give Patty a call.

Just a reminder that all our meetings are now held at The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. We have a



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very interesting line up of programs for the rest of the year and I hope you can attend our meetings. A special note is our bus trip on October 6, "**A Trip to Goosetown & Hoovertown**". If you planning to go with us be sure to sign up for the trip as soon as possible, so Lavanda Woosley will have an idea of the total number of passengers.

If you have any friends who would be interested in becoming a member of the Guild, let me know and I will provide you with membership forms.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and will see you at the meetings.

Sincerely,

Gary F. Dvorak, President

~ MUSEUM GUILD TOUR ~

Road Trip!!

Make plans now to attend the MUSEUM GUILD FALL MEETING TOUR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2001 — "GOOSETOWN & HOOVERTOWN"

8:00 AM Depart from Museum
Regular meeting on the motorcoach

Trip Includes:

- * Iowa City Natural History Museum and Old Capitol
- * Guided Tour at Goosetown Village in Iowa City
- * Lunch at St. Wenceslaus Church in Iowa City
- * Travel to Hoover Museum at West Branch and see the — "**EAGLE & THE DRAGON EXHIBIT**"

5:00 PM Approximate Time to Return to Cedar Rapids
Cost: \$29.00 per person by September 1 meeting
(Includes transportation, admissions and lunch) Need 30 passengers minimum
Make payment to Lavanda Woosley (Guild Member)



Member Treasures. . .

The program for the April 7 Guild meeting which was "Show and Tell" was introduced by Alicia Jackson. Carmen Langel loaned white gloves to use if anyone wanted to handle any of the items.

Gary Dvorak showed a Bible dated 1884 that belonged to his great grandmother, Elizabeth Janko. It is highly prized.

Martha Krejci brought a quilt that her grandmother, Anna Loyka made, even though she was handicapped from illness contracted on board ship when she came to the United States in 1880. Vera Hanson showed a beautiful crocheted piece made by her mother, Marie Machovsky, while on board coming to the USA. Her sister Mana and she had a picture taken on the ship with their mother working on it. Irma Rozek showed a Czech dictionary from her father dated 1907. Her son used it when he went to Czech school.

Olga Sedenka made a crocheted purse showing all the pins she had collected while on a trip to Czechoslovakia.

Mana Zlatohlavek had remembrances her dad, Frank Machovsky, brought back from the homeland when he competed in the Sokol Slet in 1926. Lenora Watson showed a book of stories, clippings and advertisements written in Czech dating back to 1894-95. She had a calendar of this year from Cechy much different than ours. An old map showed cities directing underground routes for those trying to escape service in 1910. She also had an old medicine remedy book used for years.

Milly Ortner gave a short review of her recent trip to the Czech Republic showing pictures as they are today.

Alicia Jackson showed books from Czech school she used. One book presented proper ways to write letters in Czech or English with Marie Cada reading the Czech letters and Alicia reading the English. Alicia thanked all who participated. Each members' treasures and remembrances are cherished and we appreciated their sharing.

—Zula Oujiri



Associate Editors Note:

This issue that I prepared is a "mini-issue" . . . Cynthia will be doing the next newsletter which will be a full-featured issue.

— Marilyn R. Tucker

The Farmer's Market. . .

The program for the July 9 Guild meeting was interesting and different.

Guild Member Lenora Watson came dressed in her blue farmer's overalls and straw hat to tell us about the Farmer's Produce Market which started in 1893 on May's Island. Anne Antwerp was a farm woman who raised many vegetables and decided to try and sell them to the city women. She had lots of help as she had seven children. She'd bring her vegetables and produce in a wagon and sell them from the back of the buckboard. Others saw her success and they also joined in the country market. Not only were vegetables, fruits and berries brought but live ducks, geese and chickens also. The patrons wanted them fresh. Sometimes the customers would have them killed and dressed before taking them home.

In 1927 the city installed a special area and the spaces rented for \$5.00 for the season. A pole building was erected in 1936 and the charge was increased to \$10.00 a stall for the season. Today in the Riverside Round House built in 1963 for the farmers to market their products a stall costs \$250.00 a season.

An interesting book was published in 1999 called *1902 - 1999 City Farm Market - Cedar Rapids, Iowa* listing members, dates and pictures of the market. It was authored by Lenora and Wayne Watson and Dale and Dorothy Newport.

Lenora had a stall for a number of years and her family of four children helped raise the vegetables and helped sell them. She still works at the market occasionally.

Lenora has had an interesting life having worked for years as a farmer. In 1941 she joined the Navy Medical Corps and served her country for four years for the duration of World War II.

Lenora is active in many organizations including the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. She is always willing to help on any project. She also gives talks on Czech Heritage and demonstrates for the schools for special programs. She and a group of ladies make quilts for special places and for nursing homes.

We appreciate all of her endeavors.

—Zula Oujiri

Editors note:

At the conclusion of Lenora's presentation there was a drawing and everyone present received an item of fresh produce from her garden. It was so nice and much appreciated.

2001 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Gary F. Dvorak
Vice President	Dorothy Conner
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TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2001

MARCH 2001		APRIL 2001		MAY 2001		JUNE 2001	
Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in March: 54		Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in April: 41		Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in May: 52		Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in June: 48	
Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 709.25		Number of Guild hours recorded . . . 377		Number of Guild hours recorded . . . 703.25		Number of Guild hours recorded . . . 400	
Sylvia Rohlena	62.00	Leni Stastny	63.00	Dolores Usher	68.50	Dolores Usher	37.00
Irma Modracek	53.00	Dolores Usher	43.25	Inez Popelka	31.50	Bob Stone	19.25
Dolores Usher	43.50	Alicia Jackson	17.00	Irma Rozek	30.00	Irma Rozek	18.00
Robert Rohlena	42.00	Marj NejdI	17.00	Beula Dvorak	28.00	Evelyn Dvorak	17.50
Cynthia Tucker Shaffer	40.00	Gary Dvorak	15.50	Lillian Kopecky	25.50	Gary Dvorak	17.50
Marj NejdI	33.50	Laverne Fisher	15.50	Leo Modracek	24.00	Lillian Kopecky	17.50
Leo Modracek	31.50	Betty Petrzaiek	14.50	Lydia Elias	23.75	Irma Modracek	16.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	25.00	Inez Popelka	14.25	Alicia Jackson	23.50	Alicia Jackson	14.75
Irma Rozek	21.00	Irma Rozek	14.00	Irma Modracek	22.00	Zula Oujiri	13.25
Irma Kelly	18.00	Maña Zlatohlavek	12.00	Gary Dvorak	21.50	Leo Modracek	12.50
		Lydia Elias	10.50	Laverne Fisher	21.50	Betty Petrzaiek	12.50
		Lillian Kopecky	10.50			Laverne Fisher	12.00
		Milly Ortner	9.00			Martha Divishek	10.50

A MESSAGE FROM PATTY:

Thank-You

Thank you to the Guild members for the lovely "Get Well" card I received following my recent gall bladder surgery.

Calling All Volunteers!

It's Summer Vacation time and our museum volunteers take vacations just like everyone else — which means we have gaps in our weekly schedules that we need to fill during the summer months. All the help that you can give us will be sincerely appreciated. Please give me a call!!

Káva a Knihy

Our Káva a Knihy (Coffee & Books) Reading-Discussion Group will begin its fall series in September. Anyone who enjoys reading a variety of literary works (with the focus on Czech and Slovak writers) and engaging in (or listening to) interesting and often lively discussions is welcome to join the group. Brochures with the reading list and other information will be available at the end of July.

—Patricia A. Hikiji, Volunteer Coordinator

African American Museum

At the June 11 Guild meeting, Joe Nolte, Director of Development for the soon to be built African-American Museum, gave us an update. They are hoping to have a ground breaking ceremony this September with an opening in September of 2002. Joe brought an attractive drawing of the museum which will face 12th Avenue.

A fund raising dinner was slated for July 14 at the Outback Steakhouse with various Gospel choirs as entertainment. We were also given copies of the museum membership newsletter titled "The Iowa Griot". In African, a griot (pronounced greeoh) is the member of the tribe who keeps the history. In this issue, Aldeen Davis was spotlighted. She was a Muscatine community leader who passed away August 13, 2000. The Celebration Hall at the museum will bear her name.

Joe is a very personable young man and we wish him well in his challenging position in the months ahead. Our National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is considered their neighbor "across the river," and we know it will be a good relationship.

— Betty Truesdell

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Cynthia Tucker Shaffer
Editor



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MEETING NOTICE

Monday

August 13, 2001

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

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

AUGUST 13, 2001

6:30 p.m. at the
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
"New Acquisitions & Preservation"

presented by

Carmen Langel, Curator

Meeting hosted by Angela Svoboda and Marie Ann Webster

SEPTEMBER 1, 2001

9:30 a.m. at the
Masonic Library
813 First Avenue SE

"Fraternal Organizations"

presented by

Bill Krueger, Executive Director

Meeting hosted by Lillian Kopecky and Milly Ortner

OCTOBER 6, 2001

All day motor coach trip
"A Trip to Goosetown & Hovertown"

Tour presented by

Lavanda Woosley

Meeting hosted by Vera Conway, Irma Rozek and Olga Sedenka

Always Remember



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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to the Family and Friends of Guild member

~LEONA PODUSKA~

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

**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, get a lot in return!

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