

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

Guild Boosts 10th BrewNost anniversary with \$3000 Sponsorship; and *We Want You* to contribute to volunteer efforts



Committee Planning for BrewNost...

From left: Diane Hayes, Guild President; Kecia Boysen, Director of Annual Fund & Special Events; Matt Novak and Jo Lilledahl, Food & Beer co-chairs.



*****NOTICE OF DUES*****

Dues for membership in the Museum Guild for 2014 are \$10 and are payable in advance on December 1, 2013. Any member who has not paid annual dues by January 1, 2014, will be removed from the Guild membership roster.

Give/Send payment to: Sally Stejskal, Treasurer

Guild of NCSML again sponsors BrewNost with a \$3000 donation and volunteer support. This spectacular fundraiser will be held Friday, Oct. 11, from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at NCSML and ***WE WANT YOU*** to help make this 10th annual beer-sipping extravaganza more exciting than ever! So says Suzie Long, event co-chair representing Guild.

According to Suzie, we all will be invited to help in the following ways: pre-event preparations; volunteering in a variety of ways that night; baking and then serving 1000 tasty dessert bites to guests. We are helping with the silent auction and will be selling raffle tickets and the Guild cookbooks.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at September and October Guild meetings, and email and personal volunteer requests will be made, according to .

Kecia Boysen, Director of Annual Fund and Special Events, is the chair of BrewNost, and Suzie heads the committee for Guild efforts. Suzie's committee includes Jennifer Greve, Diane Hayes, and Barb Pulkrab.



Fall, 2013

The President's Message

Diane Hayes, President



The Big Picture

I would like to take a minute to look at the Guild's "Big Picture" and how we can best serve our modern day "World Class Museum."

In September Jason Wright, NCSML V.P. of Development will present a program on how the NCSML has grown and changed over the last 5 years, and how the Guild has participated and will need to continue to participate. His program is titled "*It's probably bigger than you think.*" I hope you all will be present at the meeting to hear his presentation as to the size and scope of our museum today.

I am pleased to inform you that the NCSML Board of Directors has approved our Guild Bylaws. That places us in a much better position to carry out our mission to support our museum. It is important to remember the bylaws provide only a broad framework. The details are in our Policies and Procedures. They address our day-to-day operations. The policies define the principles or rules to guide our decisions so we can achieve rational outcomes. Procedures are the step-by-step instructions required to implement our policies. As I announced during the July membership meeting, we have a committee that has already started to update and clarify the Guild's Policies and Procedures. This is another large undertaking. Several of you may be asked for your input. Your knowledge will make our Policies and Procedures more effective.

We must decide the policies and procedures we will use "to support the activities, programs and facilities of the NCSML by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support".

We know that Fund-raising is a must! To help offset the financial loss of not being able to host "The Taste of Czech" this year, your Board recommends having a soup supper in the fall. A committee is already at work.

I am asking all of you to make some "old world" crafts for the Dec. Old Prague Christmas Mart. Please if you can whittle, knit Christmas socking, make Christmas ornaments, make lace or tat please share your special talents. We will have space in Heritage Hall to sell our unique items after the annual "Cookie Walk."

Another piece of the "big picture" is an actual working budget for 2014. Sally Stejskal (Guild Treasurer) and committee have started this project. Information is currently being gathered from all aspects of the Guild to include all income and disbursements. The plan is for a more comprehensive understanding and handling of the Guild's financial needs and expenditures.

I thank you all for being supportive of the Guild as we move forward in partnership with the Museum into a wider world than we ever would have though possible a few short years ago.

Diane Hayes, President
The Guild of NCSML



Guild will host Soup Supper, at Heritage Hall November 1

hmmm...hmmm **SOUP!**

As a change from its signature "Taste of Czech & Slovak" annual fundraiser, Guild is trying something new this year. We will host an "all-you-can-eat" Soup Supper!

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 1, from 5-8 p.m.

WHERE: Heritage Hall, NCSML

TICKETS: \$10 for adults

\$5 for children 6-12

Free for children 5 and under

Dinner will consist of soup, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. Soups featured this year will be Potato, Sauerkraut, Liver Dumpling, and the ever-popular Chicken Noodle.

Committee chair is Donna Merkle and team consists of Barb Hill, Karen Hospodarsky, Diane Moore, Bonnie Rohlena, and Karen Zacek.

Organize a group! Tell all your friends! Come and support our new fundraising adventure!

Guild's Cookie Walk set for Dec. 7: as Old Prague Christmas highlight

The 15th Annual Cookie Walk will highlight Old Prague Christmas Market on Saturday, Dec. 7, at NCSML.

Doors open at 9 a.m. The "walk" is 9:30 until all goodies are sold.

A wide variety of home made, spectacular holiday treats prepared by many Guild volunteers include cookies and candies not found elsewhere!

Mary VanHouten and Marie Webster chair this popular fundraiser and they will be recruiting volunteers. Along with Cookie Walk, there will be a café. Guild aprons and cookbooks will be sold. After the "walk," there will be live entertainment!



Greetings from...

Gail Naughton
President/C.E.O.

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Dear Guild Members,

It's been quite a summer that started out with a bang with the openings of the *Read My Pins* exhibit and the new permanent exhibit, *Faces of Freedom: The Czech and Slovak Journey*. How exciting to have visits from Madeleine Albright and Gene Cernan within weeks of each other!

Things are running smoothly during this busy time of the year with the help of Guild members as greeters, docents, store sales people, office support and lots of ways behind the scenes. I'd like to especially thank those who have trained to help in the new permanent exhibit. I've noticed that your interaction with visitors is really important for them to get a full experience.

I was just reading about an organization similar to ours that was bragging about its volunteers and the hours they give. I can top that - NCSML's volunteers give four times what theirs do! You are our hidden secret to success. Your dedicated time and many talents help us exceed visitors' expectations every day. Thank you!

With my best wishes, Gail



Minutes of the June 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML on Saturday June 1, 2013, at 9:00 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Donna Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 53 members present.

Presentation of Proposed Amendments to the Current By-laws: President Diane Hayes asked Vice President Donna Merkle to moderate the presentation of the amended bylaws. Committee member John Hudson presented the proposed amendments to the current By-laws (2010) to the membership. He then gave the motion: "We move the adoption of the revised Guild bylaws". The motion was seconded by Pat Martin. A question and discussion period was held followed by a secret ballot vote by the membership. The revised Guild By-laws were passed with a 100% yes vote. Diane Hayes thanked the bylaws committee for all their hard work.

Recording Secretary: The minutes of the May meeting were approved as distributed.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read the top ten volunteer hours for April. There were a total of 50 members volunteering with a total of 779.25 hours. Mary Ellen Krotz volunteered the most hours.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal distributed the May Treasurer's report. The ending balance as of May 31, 2013, was \$ 12,807.46

Museum Board of Directors: Mel Holubar gave the Board of Directors meeting report in Carol Wohlleben's absence. He stated that at the Board meeting Carol gave her first quarterly report on the Guild's activities and future goals.

BrewNost: Chairperson Suzie Long stated that this will be the 10th annual event and will be held October 11, 2013 from 6:30 to 10 pm. She told the membership that Guild volunteers will be needed for the evening. Diane Hayes announced that the Guild Executive Board had voted to give the Museum \$3,000 in order to become a sponsor of BrewNost 2013.

Volunteer Report: Amy Lyness reported that the Museum is hosting a tour group of about 44 people on June 11, 2013 that has requested a kolace demonstration. She is working with Carol Wohlleben to make this happen. Amy also asked members to sign up for volunteer opportunities for the Faces of Freedom grand opening on June 15, 2013.

Faces of Freedom: Gail Naughton gave an overview of the weekend's events. She stated that Barb Hill is working with her committee to set up the Guild fundraiser on Saturday morning.

Upcoming Programs: Donna Merkle reported that the July Guild meeting program will be on the history of the National Czech Cemetery given by Barb and Frank Edmunds. Diane Hayes gave information on the August Guild meeting which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church near Ely.

Meeting Attendance Lottery Donations: The following people donated items for the attendance lottery: Mary VanHouten, Sally Stejskal, Jeanne Vogt, Marj Nejd, Barb and Frank Edmunds and Cindy Monroe. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary

Education Question... (by Bob Stone)

Who was the legendary leader of the migrating Czech tribes? While standing on Mount Říp, he proclaimed, "This is the place."

Answer: His name was Čech

Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

Totals reported by Loreen Svoboda

(Record your hours promptly. Credit goes to you, individually, and to Museum for grants.)

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for May, 2013

882 hours

John Hudson	82
Diane Hayes	75
Diane Moore	47.5
Bonnie Holubar	42.5
Anita Burke	38.5
Carolyn Holubar	37.5
Sandra Hudson	37
Shirley Alexander	36.5
Marj NejdI	36
Dolores Blood	33.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 49

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for June, 2013

793.75 hours

Bonnie Holubar	51
Mary Ellen Krotz	44.75
Donna Merkle	44.5
Marge Louise Sedlacek	36.5
Barbara Hill	32.5
Suzanne Charipar	32
Marj NejdI	31.5
Diane Hayes	30
Sally Stejskal	30

Total Number of Volunteers: 46

Abigail Ibisch

Volunteer and Program Coordinator



Dear Guild Members,

As summer winds down, we are looking forward to a few big events in the fall. On October 11, we will be holding our tenth annual BrewNost and on December 6 and 7 we will hold our fourth annual Old Prague Christmas Market.

Many of you have taken advantage of the training sessions in June and July to learn more about the new exhibition Faces of Freedom. If you were not able to attend any of the sessions but would still like to be trained, please email or call me to set a time up. Coming up this fall, I will hold training sessions for the Sleger Immigrant Home. Since the museum opened its doors last year, we have been constantly learning more about our facility and our visitors. If you are an immigrant home guide or are interested in becoming one, please plan to attend one of the following sessions. Sign-up sheets for each session will be hung next to the sign-up calendar. If you are unable to attend both sessions, please speak with me to schedule a time to go through the material.

Sleger Immigrant Home Training Sessions

Wednesday, September 18, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, October 9, 2 p.m.

As always, if you have any questions about museum events and the volunteer program, please do not hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Abigail Ibisch



A special Guild contribution to the silent auction of BrewNost will be a handmade Christmas Tree Skirt. Guild members will create a unique skirt, which is sure to become a family heirloom!

Minutes of the July 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday July 13, 2013, at 9 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Donna Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 41 members present.

Program: Barb and Frank Edmunds gave a talk on the history of the Czech National Cemetery which was established by Czech groups in the area in 1895 under the original name of Bohemian National Cemetery. It was changed to its present name in 1911.

President's Report: Diane Hayes reported that a "Policies and Procedures" committee has been selected and will meet this coming week to start work on this project. She also stated that a Nominating Committee chairperson will be selected in August.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes of the June meeting. None were given. Carol Wohlleben made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Barb Pulkrab seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read the top ten volunteer hour's list for May 2013. Forty-nine members volunteered for a total of 882 hours. John Hudson had the highest at 82.

Treasurers Report: Sally Stejskal gave a short explanation of "non-profit" for the membership. She also asked for input from committee chairpersons on this year's budget. The ending balance for June 2013 was \$10,742.05.

Faces of Freedom: Sally Stejskal gave the report for the Faces of Freedom Grand Opening Event. The Guild sold koláče, poticia, coffee and juice for a total in sales of \$551. The net profit was \$461. She thanked everyone who helped with the event.

Museum Board of Directors: Carol Wohlleben gave her report of the June Board meeting. She stated that the MISSION of the NCSML is "To inspire people from every background to connect to Czech and Slovak history and culture."

Koláče Klub: Carol Wohlleben stated that the group made twelve batches of koláče for the Faces of Freedom event. They also met the week of July 1, 2013 to bake for a 50 anniversary celebration. Going forward, the club will charge \$10 per dozen for the koláče.

Membership: Sally Stejskal reported that the Guild now has 143 paid members. She also welcomed visitor Kathryn Birky. Diane Hayes told the group that the Executive Board has discussed making the Museum staff honorary Guild members.

Guilded Page: Pat Martin reported that the fall issue will be mailed August 20, 2013. The deadline for submissions is August 1.

Fundraising: Donna Merkle reported that the fundraising committee is looking into a Soup Supper, possibly to be held in September. She also mentioned that the group is looking to re-design of the current Guild apron.

BrewNost: Barb Pulkrab gave a report for the BrewNost committee. They would like to donate a handmade Christmas tree skirt to the silent auction, which they will need volunteers to make. She had signup sheets available for general volunteers for the evening along with a tree skirt committee and dessert bites.

OPCM: Diane Hayes stated that she would like to hold a raffle after the Cookie Walk during the Old Prague Christmas Market. Ideas for raffle items are a Christmas tree skirt and other handmade items (wooden toys, tree decorations, Christmas stockings, etc.) from Guild members

Madeleine Albright Pin: Catharine Otto still has the white pin that was not given to Madeleine and would like to know what the Guild wants to do with it. Sandra Hudson made a motion that "The white pin, created by Catherine Otto and Marj Nejd, be given to the Museum to be displayed in their collection." Motion passed.

August Meeting: Diane Hayes reported that the August Guild meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Ely at 9:30 am. Carpooling will be available and leaving the parking lot at 9:10 am. She requested that as many members as possible attend.

History: Suzanne Charipar reported that the committee is concentrating on finishing both the 2011 and 2012 scrapbooks. She will be bringing some photos to the August meeting.

Volunteer Report: Abigail Ibisch stated that she will be holding classes for volunteers including gallery and Volgistics training.

Cookie Walk: Mary Van Houten asked the group for ideas for music or a program for Cookie walk.

Meeting Attendance Lottery Donations: Marge Sedlacek and Marj Nejd, donated items for the attendance lottery. The meeting was adjourned by President Diane Hayes at 10:47 a.m.

Diana Geoffrey,
Recording Secretary



Barb and Frank Edmunds... caretakers of National Czech Cemetery. Frank is President. They handle a multitude of tasks and enjoy their work greatly!

July Guild Program--

Czech National Cemetery reflects ancestry of those buried there

The Czech National Cemetery is in a class of its own, in beauty and in natural location above the City of Cedar Rapids. It was started in 1895 by 10 charter groups of fraternal and cultural organizations, serving people of all walks of life - of all faiths.

Fourteen acres of suitable real estate was originally purchased to create a new "Garden of the Dead" and named CZECH CEMETERY. In 1911, a change in the name on the Corporate Charter reads BOHEMIAN NATIONAL CEMETERY. This was later changed to CZECH NATIONAL CEMETERY in 1952, which better reflects the ancestry of all those buried within.

The first burial in Bohemian National Cemetery was on May 20, 1886 : Antonie Straka, age 34. She was president of the Sokol Gymnastics Women's organization. Her monument, which was placed by Sokol, still stands very proudly, although the inscription is hard to read .

Many purchases of lots in the beginning were for the re-interment of family members buried in Oak Hill cemetery and surrounding area cemeteries. As of 2013, the census in the Czech National Cemetery is over 9,000 burials. The Cedar Rapids Evening Gazette of August 1895 stated "The Bohemian people are to be congratulated. Their dead will sleep peacefully where fraternity's kind hands will keep green the mounds under which lie the mortal remains of a brother or a member of a brother's family."

The Czech National Cemetery is now located on 40 acres of beautiful tree-lined roads with many distinctive memorials. At the Main entrance is the Monument to the Veterans on WW II. In the late 1940's the Federation of Czech Groups raised funds to establish a Soldier's Field near the main entrance to the cemetery. The F.S. Mitvalsky Mausoleum is near the entrance, built in 1942. One other mausoleum is the Ray Jiruska monument, which was erected in 2004 of beautiful rainbow granite. A large bronze monument marks the grave of poet and writer J.D. Hrbek and his sister Sarka B. Hrbek, who taught Czech School in 1909. The Jan Hus Odd Fellows Lodge has a large monument on a corner lot in the cemetery, with four burials in that area. The Columbarium, with its stained glass windows, was dedicated in 1988 to shelter remains in glassed in niches.

The Avenue of Flags which Frank and Barb Edmunds started several years ago, is up to about 80 flags flown 4 times a year in memory of loved ones buried near the flag. Each flag has a marker identifying for whom it is being flown. This is a beautiful sight, seeing all of these special flags throughout the Cemetery.

Many, many people of all ages enjoy walking, riding through our Cemetery or just sitting on a bench to enjoy the peace and beauty that the Cemetery provides. We invite all of you to come and enjoy this peace that is hard to find elsewhere.

--Barbara Edmunds

August Guild Program..at First Presbyterian Church in Ely

Guild held an "In Your Neighborhood" meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Ely in August. Historian Ed Vavra offered an entertaining and informative talk about the history of the church, founded in 1858. Originally, it was the First Bohemian and Moravian Brethren Church. Koláč and music were part of the meeting venue, as well as making wonderful new Czech and Slovak connections. Business, of course, followed the program.

What we do when not working on NCSML GUILD endeavors!

Guild works as a unit on projects like the upcoming BrewNost, Cookie Walk, and Old Prague Market. We are docents for tours and take various roles in the workings of NCSML. Members are active in Museum support groups like Czech School, Czech Heritage Association, and Sokol. However, we have other lives, other roles we play, and they are interesting!!

BETTY SHEETS, participated in the Cedar Valley Running Association 5K Race on the Fourth of July. In this event, held in conjunction with Alliant Energy 8K, Betty placed first in her division!!! Our math and technical guru is also athletic! Betty joined the walkers this year, but now in training... who knows what may happen next year?



Don PULKRAB biked RAGBRAI across the state of Iowa the fourth week in July this summer...for the 39th year! What an inspiration. Don also works out weekly in a stretch class, an arm of Sokol. Marj NejdI leads the class, and Don is the sole male. Other Guild members in this class, along with Don and Marj, include Ann Kloubec, Donna Merkle, Marge-Pace, Olga Sedenka, Jessica Stastny, and Jeanne Vogt. Photographed with Don is his wife, Barb,



DIANE MOORE is a 15 year active member as an Old West Re-enactor, The Hole in the Sock gang, based in McGregor. Diane plays the role of Maggie Hand, a former "fancy lady" presently married to a sheriff. Diane's husband plays Cactus Jack, and together they entertain at fundraisers, educational programs, and other such functions. The couple also "re-enact" with the Red Cedar Regulators.

What we do when not working on NCSML endeavors



Pitcher for the Cedar Rapids Jefferson girls softball team is ALYSSA OLSON, Guild member who served on the Madeline Albright Guild gift committee and volunteers weekly at NCSML. Alyssa is a sophomore and this is her second year dressing varsity. Jeff finished 5th at state tournament. Alyssa's personal honors include the following

- * 1st Team All- Metro
- * 1st Team All- Conference (unanimous)
- * 1st Team All -State
- * 5A Pitcher of the Year (Sports Spotlight)

Throughout this season Alyssa faced 628 batters and their batters' average against her was .162.

Carrie Kriz, on NCSML staff working Visitor Services & Programs, plays bass (and sometimes the flute) with Deep Dish Divas. This versatile Guild member and her three-piece band have been making music together since 2009, playing an eclectic mix of vintage novelties, folk, swing, traditional tunes, and more! Sometimes featuring instrumental tunes, The Divas mostly feature their signature three-part vocal arrangements.



Check out the many new ornaments at Museum Store. Don't forget NCSML members get 10% off every day!

Did you volunteer in 2013? In January & February, 2014, if you volunteered at the NCSML in 2013, receive an additional 10% off your Museum Store purchases, combined with NCSML member discount!

Coming UP!...for Guild members

October 11: BrewNost! An international Beer Tasting, at NCSML.

November 1: Soup Supper... fund-raiser sponsored by Guild of NCSML. 5-8 p.m., at NCSML.

December 6-7: Old Prague Christmas Market at NCSML. *Featured event* is annual Guild Cookie Walk, Saturday, Dec. 7.



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Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 7, 9 a.m., NCSML
"NCSML: It's Probably Bigger Than You Think," presented by Jason Wright, V.P. for Development
Also: details about upcoming BrewNost, and Soup Supper



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The Museum Store is a fun, exciting place. Volunteering as a sales associate is a great way to represent and support the Museum.

Volunteers generally work in shifts of three hours at least twice a month.

Museum Store Hours: 9:30 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday
12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

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