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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild members.



And the fall is upon us! It'll never grow old how fast the seasons change through the year . . . wouldn't you agree? I love fall; and so did my dad. The colors, the fresh air after the rain, crunching sound of the fallen leaves, bright rays of an early-winter sun . . . I'm sure there are many of us who like this time of year. Fall in Czech is "podzim", and "jeseň" in Slovak (could not resist to throw it in here!).

First in order is "Veľká vďaka" (Big Thanks) to all those who baked a wonderful assortment (and amount too!) of cookies, helped to pack them, and then spent time at our stand during the Ethnic Fest on October 18th. The weather was great, perhaps too sunny and warm albeit windy (we had bees and wasps interested in our cookies all day . . .). Unfortunately, the attendance by public was not so great — we were not sure to what to attribute such a low turnout, but we made money to cover at least some minor expenses. The leftover cookies were frozen in order to be used at one of the upcoming Museum events.

Our Cookbook project continues to do very well.

Kudos to Beula who keeps her eyes high enough to see beyond the pile of mail, and to watch for the light at the end of the tunnel. She mailed out letters to our Founding Five (or their relatives) asking them to submit their recipes and stories. At our past two meetings, the Committee members assisted Beula in transcribing the recipes, and sorting them out. Now we



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are reading the family (hi)stories and we will sort those too. It should be an interesting reading! I'm sad to repeat this again: but we urge those of you who have not yet submitted your family history, or recipes and their meaning in your family, please do so — we do care about having the materials in the cookbook from "our own", who grew up in this area and who helped preserve the Czech or Slovak heritage till this day.

It's time to say this too: we are having our ANNUAL COOKIE WALK on Saturday, December 11th. Please plan on making/ baking plenty of cookies as we ran out last year! I'm sure that for those of you who help serving cookies each year, it is so much fun to observe folks who come, pick and buy cookies, and how fast those cookies disappear! Our PR Committee will do their best in advertising this event to the public – but YOUR WORD has as much (if not more) weight and value as the advertisement in the paper or on the radio. So please begin spreading the word early!

It's been a great pleasure to serve you this past year as your President – thank you to the Guild Board and many other Guild members for all your great work! I've enjoyed working with, and for you. Let me wish you all a wonderful remainder of this year, and a fresh start in the new one!

S pozdravom, Andrea Kováčová Siebenmann

10th Anniversary of the Museum Guild 1994 — 2004



GUILD COOKBOOK

Don't miss this opportunity to have

your family stories and recipes published

The new Guild cookbook will be unique in that it will be a national cookbook, filled with history and recipes of Czech- and Slovak-American communities and individuals.

Please bring any or all of the following to the November 6 Guild meeting:

- HERITAGE STORIES
- ANY CZECH AND SLOVAK RECIPES
- > HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
- COOKIE WALK RECIPES
- WIT WISDOM CUSTOMS
- PICTURES RELATED TO ABOVE SUBMISSIONS

The cookbook is currently scheduled to be available for sale in May, 2005. We hope to have the "grand opening" in conjunction with the Taste of Czech next year.

The Cookbook Committee includes, Shirley Alexander, Irma Kelly, Andrea Siebenmann, Marilyn Tucker, Jan Stoffer, Virginia Wilts and Beula Dvorak. If any other Guild member is interested in serving on the Cookbook Committee. please contact Beula Dvorak at

Beula Dvorak

2004 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President Vice President Treasurer Rec. Secretary Corres. Secretary Museum Guild Rep. Leo Modracek Ex-Officio

Andrea Siebenmann Shirley Alexander Virginia Wilts Carolyn Holubar **Betty Truesdell** Beula Dvorak

Ask Me Party!

The volunteers who participated in the "Ask Me" Membership Campaign were treated to a wonderful evening on September 7. Just as the invitation stated - there was Fun. Food. Prizes and Surprises.

The NCSML staff had prepared wonderful food for our dinner. Then we were entertained with a fun program which included lots of laughter, applause and gifts.



ANN KLOUBEC

was crowned 2004 Grand Champion Salesperson of the "ASK ME" Membership Campaign Congratulations to Queen Ann!

Editors Note: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE AT THE MUSEUM WHO MADE THIS A VERY SPECIAL EVENING FOR THE "ASK ME" PARTICIPANTS.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Agnes Gilbert

Bill Shiffer

... NEW ADDRESS ...

John A. Kuba

Jan Stoffer

Meeting Minutes
The Museum Guild of National
Czech & Slovak Museum &
Library.
Held at NCSML on August 9, 2004
at 6:30 PM.

President Andrea Siebenmann was not present. Shirley Alexander called the meeting to order and Betty Truesdell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vera Conway, Bette Krall and Barb Pulkrab provided refreshments. The theme was "A Summer Picnic". Assorted cookie wafers, nuts and root beer floats were served.

Mel and Carolyn Holubar introduced a visitor. Ellyse Mary Holubar, our three-month-old grand daughter.

Terry Pitts, Executive Director from the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, presented the program. He spoke about the collection of 21 Roman sculptural busts, donated to the museum in 1996 by Tom and Nan Rilev.

He then proceeded to give a lot of information about Grant Wood. The Grant Wood visitor center will be open in December.

Czech Word of the day given by Emil Koval.

Good Morning. Czech and Slovak –Dobré rano

Czech – Dobré jitro Slovak – Dobré jutro

Secretary's Report: The reports for May, June and July are presented in the Guilded Page.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: The Guild members were just informed that Bob Stone suffered a heart attack. A "Get Well" card will be sent to him.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Virginia Wilts. Chkg. Acct. Bal. As of 7-1-04 \$3860.43. Taste of Czech

\$20.00 and interest \$2.75, total deposits are \$22.75. Disbursements: Taste of Czech expense \$35.96 Lilly Printing cookbook \$542.10 Mailing Service cookbook \$350.51. Total Disbursements \$928.57. Treasurer's Chkg. Acct. Bal is \$2,958.04. As of 7-30-04 total assets are \$2,958.04.

Museum Representative: Carmen Langel gave us an over-sight on Brew Nost!

An International Beer Tasting Celebration by the Cedar River. It will beheld on Sept. 24, 2004 from 6 PM to 9 PM, in the NCSML's Grand Hall, balcony, and garden. Reserved tickets are \$40 per person.

Volunteer Coordinator & Program reports: Patty Hikiji reported the number of Guild members recording hours in July – 58.

Number of Guild hours recorded – 1012.

Top Ten list: Ann Kloubec 49.50 **Dolores Usher** 45.50 Marge Stone 42.00 Emil Koval 35.25 Marie Webster 33.50 Carolyn Holubar 33.00 Leo Modracek 30.50 Mel Holubar 30.00 26.00 Laverne Fisher Shirley Alexander 25.50

She also thanked the Guild members profusely for the volunteer hours put in to make the Dance Festival a success.

The Kava a Knihy Reading Group will begin its fall series on Sept. 20th. The Learn at Lunch program, on August 19, 2004 will be all about roses presented by Helen Venneman.

Committee Reports:

Cookbook: Beula Dvorak reminds everyone to send in Czech recipes. So far we have received recipes from the Czech Republic and many from the states all over our country. Membership: Milly Ortner has updated address and phone number booklets here for everyone to have one.

Program: Our next program will feature John Moore from Amana, "The Old Barn Museum".

Garden: Mel Holubar was informed the gardens need a bit of shaping up for the Brew Nost Celebration.

Social: Next month Lydia Elias, Martha Divishek and Irma Kelly will be our hostesses.

Old Business: There was extended discussion about the "Ethnic Fest" fundraiser, to be held on September 18 and 19 of 2004.
Shall the Czech Museum participate or

Door Prize Drawing: Irma Rozek won a cookbook "There is a Place Called Amana".

Donated by the cookbook committee.

Adjournment by Dolores Usher. Next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 4, 2004 at 9:30 AM at the NCSML.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Holubar



Meeting Minutes
The Museum Guild of the
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Museum & Library
Held at NCSML on September 4, 2004
at 9:30 AM

President Andrea Seibenmann called the meeting to order. Shirley Alexander led the Pledge of Alliance.

New member Agnes Gilbert was present and welcomed.

Lydia Elias, Martha Divishek and Irma Kelly provided refreshments.

Czech Word of the Day

was given by Milly Ortner: Czech: Stodola meaning barn Slovak: Mostal meaning barn with animals.

The program was given by John Moore from MINI AMERICANA Barn Museum, South Amana, Iowa. In conjunction with his narrative he displayed a large group of photographs of the barn models that his father had constructed.

Recording Secretary's Report: The report will be in the October *Guilded Page*.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: "Get Well & Thinking of You" cards will be sent to Bob Stone, Betty Truesdell and Marie Cada by the Vice President.

Treasurer's Report

by Virginia Wilts: Current balance \$2,839.28 as of August 31, 2004. There were no bills presented. \$1,000.00 will be paid to the Guild Endowment Fund in November.

Museum Representative

by Leo Modracek:

The Museum Board of Directors is considering acoustic treatment for Heritage Hall.

Leo asked that we encourage young people to take an active part in our organization.

Volunteer Coordinator

by Patty Hikiji:

There were 51 members reporting volunteer hours with a total of 584 hours during August. The museum garden will need to be improved for the "*Brew Nost*" to be held on September 25.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cookbook:

The committee has received many recipes and the committee will be meeting again soon.

Fund Raising:

Irma Kelly asked for volunteers to bake Czech/Slovak food for our booth at the Ethnic Fest on September 18. She also asked for persons who could work three hour morning and afternoon shifts at the booth. Marilyn Tucker moved we participate in the event and Leo Modracek seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Social:

Irma Kelly announced the next meeting will be the Bus Trip on Saturday, October 2. The group will meet at the NCSML at 8:00 AM and participate in a "Czech Mystery Tour" guided by Lavanda Woosley. Refreshments will be provided. There were sign up sheets and details for those interested in attending. The amount of walking will be at a minimum and the return to Cedar Rapids at approximately 5:15 PM.

Membership:

Milly Ortner gave the new address of John A. Kuba as:

Program:

Jan Stoffer reported that the *Garnets Exhibit* has been delayed and the garnet presentation will be in March.

Publications:

Marilyn Tucker encouraged members who volunteer at the museum to write and turn in their testimonials to her for the next issue of the *Guilded Page*.

OLD BUSINESS

Milly Ortner reminded us to pick up our new membership/address sheets if we had not done so.

NEW BUSINESS

Jan Stoffer gave information regarding the Legion Arts concerts and indicated that information will be posted in the museum foyer.

OTHER

Bob Tucker thanked the group for the wellness wishes sent to him during a recent illness.

Ellsworth Voelkers won the door prize which was blue gift bags with our logo on them. They were created and donated by Marj Nejdl.

Motion to adjourn by Gary Dvorak.

 Respectively submitted by Shirley Alexander
 Corresponding Secretary pro tem

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October 2, 2004

A brief meeting was held on the bus during the "Czech Guild Mystery Tour". The road trip was organized and guided by Lavanda Woosley of Woosley Tours.

Gary Dvorak served as president protem.

There was not a quorum present therefore a Nominating Committee was not elected.

Officer Reports and Committee Reports will be presented at the regular meeting of November 6 to be held at NCSML.

The trip was very enjoyable as the tour included many interesting towns and places of interest in northern Linn County. At each stop we had guides explaining the sites we visited.

First we saw the refurbishing of a general store in Alburnett. It is now the new Alburnett Historical Society that displays memorabilia from the past local businesses in Alburnett. Our morning refreshments were served here.

The tour took us to the Frank Lloyd Wright built home at Cedar Rock, Quasqueton, Iowa. The lunch was at the Miller Dairy Farm. The tour guests enjoyed a home cooked meal. After the meal, we learned about the 44 head of milking cows on the farm and their diet of several different types of food which

are raised on the farm with the exception of one of the food items. The little calves were fun to watch.

Other stops included Central City Pinicon Ridge Park, Knight's Pumpkin Farm and Friends Meeting House at Whittier, Matsell's Bridge Shooting Range at Viola, and our last stop was at Springville, Iowa.

In the town of Springville, our tour included a home which is a designated National Audubon Society Wildlife Habitat Registry site. The lawn was converted in 2000 from grass to gravel, rock and other natural grass habitat which enable wildlife and birds to live safely at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Thompson. The hosts served refreshments while we visited.

Meeting and Tour Notes by:

Gary F. Dvorak

- Lavanda Woosley

Museum Guild Program August 9, 2004 "CEDAR RAPIDS MUSEUM OF ART" Presented by Terry Pitts

Terry's presentation included the special exhibit "Art in Roman Life, Villa to Grave" which will remain at the Museum of Art until August 25, 2005. The "Roman Life" exhibit started with the donation of their collection of Roman sculpture by Tom and Nan Riley of Cedar Rapids. During September, October and November literature and film about Rome will be spotlighted and the movie "Ben Hur" will be shown.

He also told about the works of Grant Wood and Marvin Cone which are a permanent exhibit.

In 2005 the carriage house adjacent to the Turner Mortuary will be open for touring. Grant Wood was asked to help transform the Douglas Mansion into a mortuary and he was allowed to use the Carriage House as a studio from 1924 to 1934. The lower floor will be a visitors center.

- Betty Truesdell

ELECTION OF MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS NOVEMBER 6, 2004



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

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

The following figures are presented for your information:

Endowment contributions paid directly by Guild to the Museum:

March 8, 1999	\$1,500.00
March 7, 2000	1,500.00
February 14, 2001	1,500.00
April 8, 2002	1,500.00
April 7, 2003	1,500.00

TOTAL \$7,500.00¹

Exhibit contributions paid directly to the Museum:

TOTAL	\$2,000.00
April 5, 2004	1,000.00
April 7, 3003	\$1,000.00

Equipment Purchased by Guild for the Museum:

January 11, 1999	\$ 438.95 — slide projector
August 13, 2001	1,000.00 — Konica copy machine
August 13, 2001	80.00 — 100 cup coffee maker
March 1, 2003	2,000.00 — audio equipment
March 8, 2004	2,299.00 — digital projector & notebook computer
TOTAL	\$ 5,817.95

¹This- is from the Guild directly and does not include individual Guild member contributions to the fund.



Calendar of Events

An important aspect of our mission is to promote cultural education through community programming. Continue your education and have some fun at the programs and exhibits listed below.

PERMANENT & SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Permanent Exhibit - in the Ray L. Jiruska Exhibit Hall

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's permanent exhibition, *Homelands*, tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe all the way through the Velvet Divorce in 1993. *Homelands* features 250 objects, including works of art, a 1935 Czech-made motorcycle and Czech and Slovak folk costumes. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$7.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors (65 and over), \$2.00 for children ages 5-16. Children under 5 with an adult companion are admitted free. Members are admitted free. Children and teens admitted free on Sundays with a paying adult. Admission includes a tour of the Immigrant Home and other special exhibits. See http://www.ncsml.org/exhibits-permanent.htm for more details.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2004

Nov. 4, 11, & 18, 2004: Porcelain Painting Class. Project TBA. Instructor JoAnne Neff. Class size limited to 15 students, all abilities from novice to master artist welcome. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Heritage Hall. Class fee is \$25.00, materials fee TBA. Please enroll by Nov. 2 by calling Jan at

Nov. 8, 2004: Káva a Knihy (Coffee and Books). Selected readings from *Prague in Black and Gold: Scenes from the Life of a European City* by Peter Demetz. 7:00 p.m. Heritage Hall. Free.

Nov. 12, 2004: 10th Annual Fall Dinner. Collins Plaza. 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 13, 2004: Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles: 30 Years of Collecting opens. The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library opens its closets to reveal recent acquisitions and donations. Closes January 30, 2005.

Nov. 13, 2004: *Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles* Exhibit Tour. Talk a tour of the current special exhibition, *Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles: 30 Years of Collecting* with Stefanie Kohn, collections manager. 2:00 p.m. Grand Hall. Free for members or with paid admission to the galleries.

Nov. 18, 2004: Learn at Lunch. Noon. Heritage Hall. Free. Bring a sack lunch and learn about Czech and Slovak traditions.

Nov. 18, 2004: *Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles* Exhibit Tour. Talk a tour of the current special exhibition, *Dux, Dolls, and Automobiles: 30 Years of Collecting* with Stefanie Kohn, collections manager. 2:00 p.m. Grand Hall. Free for members or with paid admission to the galleries.

Nov. 19, 2004: Museum Store Christmas Open House.

Nov. 26, 2004: Czech and Slovak Christmas Decorations Workshop. Adults and children are invited to make traditional Christmas tree decorations for their home or the NCSML's Grand Hall tree! Kids, you'll want to be sure to make your Carp Mailman so Jesus will bring you what you want Christmas morning! 10:00 – noon. Heritage Hall. Free.

Nov. 26, 2004: Ornaments personalized by master folk artist Marj Nejdl. Museum Store. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free

Nov. 27, 2004: Ornaments personalized by master folk artist Marj Nejdl. Museum Store. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Free

Editors Note: Above information (November Programs) printed from the Museum Website: www.ncsml.org



My Volunteer Experience at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Testimonials

Dobry den,

I began my volunteer experience in 1996 when reading in the Gazette, a plea for volunteers to interact with museum attendees when touring the new exhibit from Prague entitled, "1000 Years of History". Deciding that since I am half Czech that might qualify me, I went to the phone and dialed Thus began a new learning adventure! I felt rather insecure at first but soon found that I could always get information from Bob Stone, who often worked the gallery next to mine. After that great experience, I WAS HOOKED!

From there I ventured into other gallery experiences plus the immigrant house tours. Not stopping there, I have enjoyed meeting more new faces at the Information Desk and in the museum store. I even helped Stephanie for a few months enter new acquisitions into their recently purchased computerized system. Then, joining the Guild seemed to be the next step in my new learning, especially since at the time the Guild president was not Czech, but rather, of Swedish decent. Being one fourth German and one fourth Swiss no longer seemed a deterrent.

More recently I have worked with the Museum Education Committee setting up a curriculum for the third grade students who seem to visit in droves. (The Cedar Rapids School system starts students studying Immigration at the third grade level.) Having spent 25 years teaching at the senior high level, I again was a little unsure of myself. With help from Jan Stoffer, I very quickly squelched that fear. Third graders are WONDERFUL and I have wondered from time to time if I "missed my calling" by signing for the high school certificate. Having several grandchildren of that age, I can readily see their faces within a new group as we meet them on the steps of the museum and Jan asks them some questions before entering.

Do we form friendships before the brief two hours are over ?? You bet we do!

I am hoping that more of you will consider making your day a little "brighter" by investing some time at the Czech and Slovak museum as a volunteer.

- Shirley Alexander

Editors Note: Thank you Shirley Alexander and Lenora Watson for sharing your volunteer experiences.

There will more testimonials in the next issue so please submit yours.



Tour guide Lenora Watson (center back row) and Japanese students Spring 2004

I'm proud to be able to be a volunteer. I've met some wonderful and very interesting people. I've enjoyed speaking Czech and upon request I have worn my "Kroj". After giving a guided tour, the visitors always thank you and tell you how much they appreciate your telling them details.

I had a group of Japanese students (college age) with their translator. They enjoyed it so much. After the tour they all hugged me and called me "Babe". This has happened many times and they all take pictures. After an experience like this it makes you feel so good that you can be a volunteer.

— Lenora Watson



TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

JULY 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in July — 58

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 1012

Ann Kloubec	49.50
Dolores Usher	45.50
Marge Stone	42.00
Emil Koval	35.25
Marie Webster	33.50
Carolyn Holubar	33.00
Leo Modracek	30.50
Mel Holubar	30.00
Laverne Fisher	26.00
Shirley Alexander	25.50

AUGUST 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in August — 51

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 584.5

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SEPTEMBER 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in September — 47

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 582.25

Dolores Usher	45.00
Ann Kloubec	38.75
Leo Modracek	30.00
Marie Webster	27.00
Mana Zlatohlavek	22.25
Milly Ortner	22.00
Lillian Kopecky	21.00
Lavanda Woosley	21.00
Charles Opatrny	20.00
Andrea Siebenmann	20.00
Lydia Elias	19.50
Irma Kelly	19.25

NOTES FROM PATTY

~ Thank You ~



I can't say thank-you often enough to all the volunteers who supported the Museum with their hard work and dedication to make the 2004 Dance Festival a wonderful success. If you didn't have the opportunity to participate this time, there is always next summer! Talk to this year's Dance Festival Committee chairpersons to find out what is involved in this endeavor and what kind of help, skills, and talents are needed.

Thank you to the Guild members who assisted the "Brewnost" Steering Committee in preparing for, staging and operating the NCSML's first "Brewnost" Fund-Raising Event. A special acknowledgment to

the Guild members who diligently worked to get the Garden in shape for this event which primarily took place in our Garden setting. All of your time and effort was very much worth it.

A special thank-you to the Guild members who baked for the reception following the *Red Cedar Chamber Music/Quartetto Telemann Concert* on October 2nd. Thank you to Lydia Elias, Bette Kral, and Irma Rozek who assisted Irma Kelly in hosting the reception until a very late hour!

Marilyn Shima Tucker Editor



NEXT MEETING

Saturday November 6, 2004 9:30 AM

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Saturday, November 6, 2004

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"DUX, DOLLS, AND AUTOMOBILES

30 Years of Collecting"

Presented by Jan Stoffer, Edie Blanchard and Stefanie Kohn Hosts: Evelyn Dvorak, Alicia Jackson and Lavanda Woosley

Saturday, December 11, 2004

② 9:00 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"COOKIE WALK"

Presented by: Museum Guild Members Hosts: Guild Board Members

→ PLEASE PAY DUES ... \$10.00 ...

Saturday, January 8, 2005

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

"SAFETY FOR SENIORS"

Presented by Lavanda Woosley

Hosts: Vicky Cekelis, Dorothy Voelkers and Ellsworth Voelkers

From the Board and Membership of The Museum Guild

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to

Guild Member Emma Davidson on the loss of her husband Harold M. Davidson

