

THE GUILDED PAGE

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



Spring, 2013

Marj Nejdil and Catharine Otto, artists and Guild members, are designing and fabricating a pin to be presented to the "Read My Pins" exhibit. Their partnership is an excellent example of strengthening our organization, with new and long-time members working together.

On Occasion of "Read My Pins" Exhibit--

Guild Artists' Unique Pin to be given to Madeleine Albright Collection

When "Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection," featuring 285 dazzling pins that became part of Madeleine Albright's diplomatic signature, opens May 11 at NCSML, Guild will have a unique pin to add to the collection of the former Secretary of State.

Guild of NCSML members/artists Marj Nejdil and Catharine Otto jointly designed and fabricated the pin, after authorization by and approval of members of the Guild.

The Secretary chose pins to emphasize the importance of a negotiation, signify high hopes, protest the absence of progress, and show pride in representing the United States.

The exhibit includes Albright's compelling and often humorous anecdotes and fascinating photographs accompanying dime store finds and intricate designer creations and family heirlooms. Learn the story and celebration of how one woman's jewelry collection was used to make diplomatic history at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library through October 27, 2013.

The Madeleine Albright Guild gift committee was chaired by Sandra Hudson with assistance from John Hudson. Along with the artists, other committee members included Carolyn and Mel Holubar, Pat Martin, and Alyssa Olson.



Madeleine Albright
*Authorized photo by
Timothy Greenfield-Sanders*

Dragon and Sword
designer unknown,
(Turkey)
*Authorized photo by
John Bigelow Taylor*



Volunteer of the Year 2012 : Carolyn Holubar



Carolyn Holubar is Guild's "Volunteer of the Year 2012." She was presented a wooden plaque engraved with her name and a box of candy at the January membership meeting.

In an effort to commend volunteerism in Guild, the executive committee of 2013 decided to recognize the top five Guild members with the most recorded volunteer hours and Carolyn was first, with a recorded total of 273.5. The other four also honored are Shirley Alexander, Suzanne Charipar, Mel Holubar, and Cyndi O'Brien.

"It is important to recognize outstanding contributions to our organization and to retain our valuable volunteers. We encourage members to record volunteer hours, which is data used to support grant requests. The President during the award year will not be nominated because that role dictates a large time commitment, Diane explained.

Although 2012 was the year Carolyn's award is based on, her volunteer history in Guild is admirable. Among other volunteer roles, Carolyn has been recording secretary or corresponding secretary for more than 12 years. The past three years she has maintained volunteer hour records. She and daughter Bonnie made 2700 fabric doll kits for the "Morena winter farewell" project for school children and adults. Carolyn has volunteered in Museum Store weekly for 18 years, and the last several years twice weekly.



The Holubar family enjoys Cookie Walk volunteerism together: From left: Courtney Holubar, first grade teacher in Windsor Heights; Elly Holubar, third grader in Solon; Ariana Sanchez, eighth grader at Linn Mar, and Bonnie, Carolyn, and Mel Holubar, NCSML Guild volunteers.

2013 Taste of Czech-Slovak cancelled

Museum Guild's Taste of Czech & Slovak has been cancelled May of this year due to the schedule entailed in the visit of Madeleine Albright, past Secretary of State, May 17-18, 2013. Hers is a high profile visit from a well-known dignitary that accompanies another wonderful exhibit (Read My Pins) for NCSML, opening that weekend, according to Diane Hayes, Guild President.

After much deliberation in discussions with Diane and Carol Wohlleben from Guild and Gail Naughton, Jan Stoffer, and Trisha Spence representing NCSML, it was determined that space/staff to support both Guild's fundraiser and a high-profile guest dinner the same evening is not sufficient. Further, security is an issue, according to Diane.

Guild plans to hold "Taste" Czech-Slovak cuisine celebration, again next year, Diane explained.

Photographers for Guilded Page this issue:
Carolyn Holubar and John Hudson

- Education-Jeanne Vogt
- Fundraising-Diane Hayes
- Membership-Betty Sheets
- History-Dave Stauffer
- Programs-Donna Merkle
- Publications-Pat Martin
- Public Relations-Ed Popelka

The President's Message

Diane Hayes, President



Guild of NCSML Recipe for Success

- 1 World Class Nationally Certified Museum
- 1 Beautiful Location with View (preferably high above a river)
- 2 Strong local area heritages (Czech and Slovak, but more highly recommended)
- 100-150 Hard working, dedicated volunteers (can be doubled or tripled)
- 3-4 Annual Fundraisers

Mix gently, extract abilities and pour out into galley exhibits, fundraising events, and public education. Sprinkle evenly with superb artists, cooks, challenging ideas, strong backs and determination.

Bake and serve with smiles and friendships. Shelf-life...forever!

Please join in and take an active part in the NCSML and the NCSML Guild activities. There are many different areas and activities to give of your time and talents. Each one of us is needed in some capacity. Let me know what your interests may be and I will be happy to find a place for your likes and talents. Happy Spring!

Cookie Walk Volunteers...*THANK YOU THANK YOU!!*

Co-Chairs Mary Van Houten and Marie Webster



FRIDAY SET UP: Leni Stastny, Diane Moore, Linda Koehler, Dolores Blood, Emil Kovel, Mel Holubar, Cyndi O'Brien, Patti Thacker, Shally Garin, Carolyn Holubar, Joe Kurka

CASHIERS: John Hudson, Loreen Svoboda, Alicia Jackson, Irene Konecny, Sally Stejskal, Betty Sheets.

WEIGHING TREATS: Allyson Wheaton, Diane Moore, Barb Hill, Dorothy Voelkers

COOKBOOK/MEMBERSHIP SALES: Donna Merkle, Barb Pulkrab

CASH DONATIONS: Arlene Dayhoff, Leni Stastny

CAFE CASHIERS: Cyndi O'Brien, Shally Garin

COOKIE and CANDIES: Carrie Van Houten, Marie Webster, John and Sandra Hudson, Diana Geoffrey, Kenny Fetter, Dorothy Voelkers, Laverne Fisher, Allyson Wheaton, Barb and Frank Edmunds, Mary Ann Kucera, Jeanne Vogt, Karen Vlasek, Marge Sedlacek, Shirley Alexander, Andrea Siebenmann, Cindy Monroe, Milena Novosad, Ann Kloubec, Carol Wohlleben, Sue Carter, Barb Pulkrab, Hermina Rigel, Irene Konecny, Pat Martin, Diane Hayes, Mary Van Houten, Jan Stoffer, Barb Hill, Susie Long, Marge Pace, Marj Nejd, Shally Garin, Leah Wilson, Dolores Blood, Betty Sheets, Cyndi O'Brien, Lijun and Elizabeth Chadima, Betty Gallagher, Loreen Svoboda, Dee Kintzle, Vera Conway, Suzanne Charipar, Sally Stejskal, Carolyn Holubar, Helen Sorenson, Bonnie Rohlena, Amy Wyatt, Marjorie Stone, Sally and John Shean, Stefanie Kohn, Ginger Erger,

SORTING/FILLING BOXES/KITCHEN CHORES: Marie Webster, Mary and Carrie Van Houten, Cindy Monroe, Diane Moore, Barb Hill, Leni Stastny, Sylvia Popelka, Dorothy Voelkers, Mary Johansen, Linda Koehler, Sue Carter, Beth DeBoom, Dolores Blood, Laverne Fisher, Joe Kurka, Emil Koval, Bonnie, Carolyn and Mel, Courtney, and Elly Holubar, Ariana Sanchez, Sandra Hudson, Hermina Rigel.

Cookie Walk 2012 in Review--

Co-chairs Mary Van Houten and Marie Webster...
Thanks for excellence in leadership!
Some 2400 in profits, plus the fun of working
together to support and promote NCSML

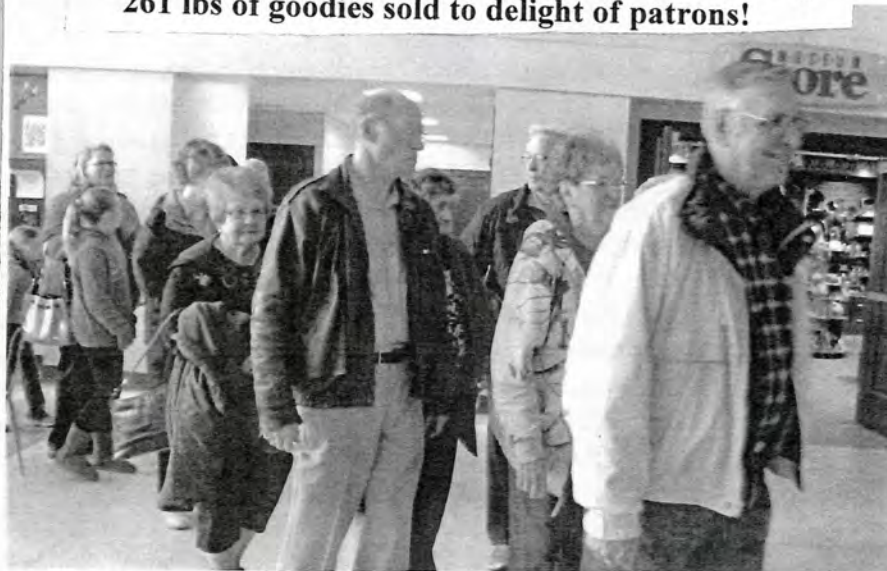


Boxing the cookies and candies for sale: From left: Mel Holubar, Dorothy Voelkers, Marie Webster, Linda Koehler, Leni Stastny, and Nancy Johansen.

More than 100 patrons queued up before opening!
261 lbs of goodies sold to delight of patrons!



Donna Merkle and Barb Pulkrab,
selling cookbooks and memberships!



Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

*Totals compiled by Loreen Svoboda
(Record your hours promptly.
Credit goes to you, individually,
and to Museum for grants.)*

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for December, 2012 776 hours

Marj NejdI	55
Bonnie Holubar	52.5
Carol Wohlleben	46.5
Carolyn Holubar	46
Diane Moore	39
Shirley Alexander	36
Sally Stejskal	36
Mary Ellen Krotz	31
Suzanne Charipar	28
Barb Hill	28
Total Number of Volunteers: 56	

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for January, 2013 863 hours

Donna Merkle	45.5
Diane Moore	42
Marie Webster	39.5
Shirley Alexander	34
Jackie Allen	32
Carolyn Holubar	31
Betty Sheets	29
Diane Hayes	28
Lawrence Kudej	28
Loreen Svoboda	24
Total Number of Volunteers: 69	

Abigail Ibisch

Volunteer and Program Coordinator

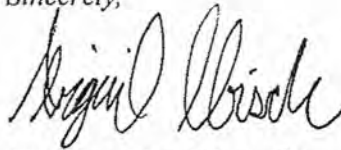
Dear Guild Members,

Happy almost spring! We have spent a few quiet months recovering from our huge Mucha success and preparing for a busy spring and summer. We are very excited to host Secretary Madeleine Albright when she opens her exhibit on May 17 and 18. A short three weeks later, we will open our permanent exhibition, Faces of Freedom. Needless to say, we need your help.

Using comments and information from a survey done at a Guild meeting in the fall, we are addressing some issues within the volunteer program. I have been working closely with a group of Guild members to revise our volunteer program to incorporate your suggestions. As with everything in our building there is a learning curve, and we have to adjust to meet this new challenge. These changes will be implemented beginning in April. More information will be available at that time. If you have any questions or concerns or you would just like to chat, you can reach me at 319-362-8500, ext. 111 or at aibisch@ncsml.org.

We have so much to be excited about and we are grateful to have your support and enthusiasm as we continue to grow.

Sincerely,



(The new Mrs. Ibisch ☺)



Thanks for a great year!

On Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 11:00 am, join the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library as we honor our Volunteers.

Enjoy a light lunch of pulled pork, potato salad, fruit, veggies, and cake. Enter your name for door prizes. Help us celebrate our outstanding Volunteers!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

RSVP to Abigail Ibisch at 319-362-8500 or aibisch@ncsml.org by Saturday, April 6. Dinner is provided free of charge for our volunteers. All others are asked to pay \$8 per person to cover the cost of the meal.



National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Museum Guild Annual Report 2012

Thank you for inviting me to present an overview of the Museum Guild for this past year, as it worked with the museum in preparing for the Grand Re-opening and continuing functions.

Our mission is to support activities, programs and facilities of the NCSML. We have a membership of 164 people and there is an average of 65 people at each of the monthly meetings. This past year 10,492 hours were recorded by the volunteers in supporting the museum!! I am taking a step and adding 3000 more hours, unrecorded, as many people simply do not record them, or forget. The importance of the recorded hours is so the NCSML can utilize this information when requesting education funding.

An old African saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together". This exemplifies Guild.

Monetarily, the Museum Guild gave the following contributions:

****\$3000 to BrewNost plus several donation items for the silent auction**

****Sales of our cookbook contributed \$3220 towards the museum store profits, almost 3 times greater than last year.**

**** \$500 was given from the Taste of Czech and Slovak, while \$1000 from the function was retained and used to purchase smaller kitchenware to equip and facilitate service in the new kitchen facility.**

The Guild programs this past year focused on the expanded facility, and the expanded skills needed when volunteering in it-- more high technical equipment, for instance. The museum staff talked about each of their respective work areas and special needs of volunteers.

At the Grand Re-opening, Guild sold kolaches on the patio. There were 60 dozen and we were sold out in 2 hours! This was the beginning of the thought processes that has now transformed into the Kolache Club, a group of 4 teams of members who make and bake kolache and use the facilities for museum functions, such as Old Prague Christmas Market, and upcoming, Valentine thank you gifts the museum gives to special people who help support it. This also means we are utilizing the kitchen facilities, expanding the number of people who know how to bake a traditional ethnic food and continuing to foster friendships.

Shortly after the re-opening, at the Jazz Concert, the Guild prepared special fruit, cheese and vegetable plates so the guests could enjoy the concert with good food and beverage. It was quite special.

Kidizens for the Bridge of Lions was founded by Sandra and John Hudson, Guild members working with the Wilson School Parents, teachers and Student Associates. Their goal was to beautify the Bridge of Lions with flower baskets and maintaining clean areas. The Guild voted collected a large free-will offering to assist in some financial support needed.

As we worked through the last years, we have identified that changes needed to occur within our organization of the Guild. We needed to re-identify committee functions, committees in general, and clarify the by-laws. We are now in that process and will be able to present the revision to the Museum and Board of Directors soon. We are also working closely with Abigail Ibisch and Jan Stoffer on updated guidelines for volunteers.

The Cookie Walk in December was another example of how involved the members are! Some 58 volunteers set up and worked the event while 61 (many of them the workers) baked cookies and candy, totaling 447 dozen products which were all sold, except for the few we retained for the next Guild meeting. Served were 104 customers, netting \$2375.

The "Guilded Page", edited by Pat Martin, continues to keep all our members up to date and applaud the success of so many people in the Museum Guild, building new friendships, and welcoming many new members. We continue to work on growing Guild population, recognizing an incredible part of our American and ethnic populations.

I know we can't quite imagine what is all still ahead as the NCSML continues to be such a huge part of the Cedar Rapids community.

I want to thank again the incredible persons on the executive committee and committee chairs who have worked so diligently for the past two years and I know will continue to be very involved in Guild.

-- Carol Wohleben, 2012 President of Guild of NCSML

Minutes of the January 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML on Saturday January 5, 2013 at 9:00 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:04 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 59 members and one guest present. Cookies served for refreshments were provided by Kenny Fetter and the Cookie Walk committee.

Program: Andrea Siebenmann gave a presentation on her personal immigration to America. She came over as a research scholar in January of 1994. Was married in January of 1998 and then had to return home for a period of 2 years before she could apply for her US citizenship. She returned in 2000 as a permanent resident, applied for citizenship in 2009 and became a US citizen.

Message from Gail Naughton: Gail thanked & congratulated the new and old executive board members and museum board representatives. She stated that the museum's Annual Meeting of the Membership will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6 pm at the NCSML. Also, a new art exhibit will start January 19, 2013 in the Petrik Gallery. At this time the museum hours will go back to 9:30 to 4 Monday thru Saturday and noon to 4 on Sunday. The CR Convention Bureau is leasing the upstairs of the Kosek building and they and the NCSML will be sharing the storefront and sharing these responsibilities. Also, the Rising Above exhibit is now free to the public. The museum is looking to fill several internal positions at this time. They are: Director of National Marketing, Marketing & Communications and Museum Store Manager. On May 11, 2013 the Madeleine Albright exhibit "Read My Pins" will open. And June 13-15 will be the opening of the new permanent exhibit.

Treasurer: Sally Stejskal handed out a copy of the 2012 NCSML Treasurers report. The ending balance was \$13,065.58. Sally stated that if your 2013 dues are not paid by March 31 you will be dropped from the membership roster. An invoice for \$280 for membership brochures was presented. Jeanne Vogt made a motion to pay and Sylvia Popelka seconded the motion. The motion passed with 100% vote. Suzanne Charipar also suggested we bring these brochures to all meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda stated that member Lydia Elias sent a donation to the Cookie Walk and sent a "Hello" to the membership. She read a greeting from member John Kuba. Donna Merkle will forgo all Guild business for the time being due to the illness of her husband. It was also announced that JoAnne Neff passed away January 4.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey stated that the November 2012 meeting minutes were printed in the latest edition of The Guided Page. They were considered approved. Also, we will go back to reading meeting minutes at the meetings.

Abigail's Wedding: Abigail Bourman will be getting married January 26 and it was suggested we purchase the Bride ornament from the museum store, with a purchase price of up to \$50, as our gift to her and her husband. Cyndi O'Brien made a motion to purchase the ornament and have Marj NejdI personalize it. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Greve and passed.

Standing Committees: Education: Lavanda Woosley told of the 7 annual Masopust trip to Protivin, Ia. On February 9. The cost is \$79 and she needs 25 passengers signed up by January 25 to make it happen. **Programs:** February's program will be a history of SOKOL given by their president Brad Hess. **Social:** Cyndi O'Brien stated that the kolache committee sold over 50 dozen kolache at the Old Prague Christmas market for a profit of \$321. The museum has a need for another 50 dozen on or about February 10. There are still problems with the kitchen oven which Cyndi O'Brien and Carol Wohlleben are working on. She thanked the Hudsons for providing a timer for the kitchen. A vote was taken on whether to continue with host/hostesses for the Guild meetings. The vote was even on both sides and it was decided to discontinue this practice. We will continue to provide coffee and another beverage. **Kitchen:** If interested in helping kitchen committee contact Cyndi O'Brien or Carol Wohlleben.

Special Committees: Audit: The audit committee, headed by Sheryl Gardner will meet this coming month and have a report at the February meeting. **Volunteer Recognition:** It has been decided by the executive board to start a "volunteer of the year" award.

A volunteer will be recognized each January with a plaque. The volunteer of the year for 2012 went to Carolyn Holubar. Thank you for all your hard work Carolyn! Total volunteer hours for the month of December were 776 with Marj NejdI contributing the most with 55 hours! **Guided Page:** Pat Martin told us that the next Guided Page will go out prior to the April meeting and the deadline for submitting material is no later than March 1. **Cookie Walk:** Mary Van Houten gave a report for the Cookie Walk stating the total net sales was \$2548.98. 447 dozen goodies were donated by 61 bakers. A total of 279 pounds of goodies were sold with 59 volunteers contributing to the event. **By-laws:** Carol Wohlleben will be heading the By-Laws committee. They will be looking to clean up a lot of items in the old by-laws. **Survey:** Suzie Long stated the Survey Committee has not yet met but will this month and have a report at the February meeting.

New Business: Madeleine Albright: With Madeleine Albright's visit in May it had been suggested by Gail Naughton that the Guild do something special for her. The idea of having a pin made for her was discussed however has been put on hold until further discussion. Other ideas were to provide a basket in her hotel room with items like the Guild cookbook and homemade kolaches and a piece of glass or ornament from the museum store. **Taste Of Czech & Slovak:** Because the events surrounding her visit coincide with the date of the Taste Of Czech and Slovak it has been decided to forgo this event for 2013 and decide on a different fundraiser this year. **Name Tags:** We will go back to using our old name badges at the meetings for the time being. And discuss purchasing magnetic ones at a later date. **Volunteer Changes:** Jan Stoffer said that because of the expanded staff and volunteer core, Sheryl Gardner will be taking pictures of everyone in order to put together a photo ID board. She stated the museum saw a total of 18,002 paid guests in 2012. The goal was 11,361. Abigail Bourman thanked the Guild for the success of the Mucha exhibit. She also said she will be working closely with the Guild in 2013 on changes to the volunteer program.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Santa w/blanket, donated by Jeanne Vogt-won by Mary Van Houten. Hand painted apron, donated by Marj NejdI-won by Marg Pace. Madeleine Albright book, donated by Shirley Alexander-won by John Hudson. Modra pottery, donated by Andrea Siebenmann-won by Leni Stastny. Candle, donated by Mary Van Houten-won by Alicia Jackson. The next meeting is February 2, 2013. Diane Hayes challenged everyone to search for their oldest Valentine and bring to the February meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Geoffrey, Recording Secretary

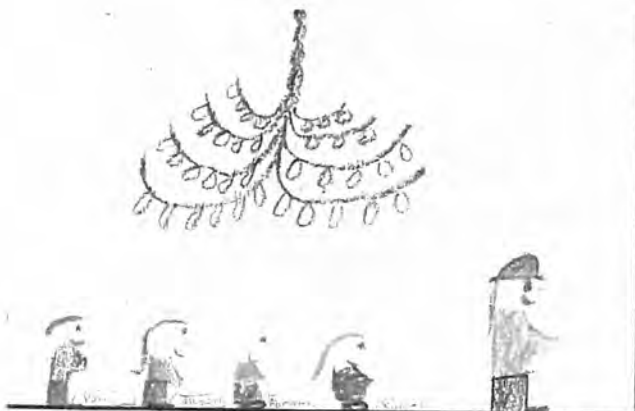


National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library 2012 Highlights from the January 2013 Annual Meeting

Gail Naughton, C.E.O.

It was a record-breaking year of recovery and rebirth. The new museum and the Alphonse Mucha exhibit attracted attention nationally and internationally.

- Opened to the public July 13, 2012 with over 10,000 visitors
- The NCSML served 63,000 persons in 2012
- On-site visitors came from 50 states and 23 countries, including Afghanistan, Sardinia and Haiti
- Library added 1.5 staff funded by an National Endowment for the Humanities grant: cataloger and library assistant, plus 1.5 staff for the Oral History project
- Oral history project was active in New York City and Chicago and reached over 180 excerpts on the website
- Humanities Iowa grant paid for oral history programs in Grinnell and Des Moines public libraries and at the NCSML
- Traveling exhibition titled *Leaving Czechoslovakia* premiered with exhibitions in New York City, Oak Park, Illinois and San Francisco
- Library added 212 items to the genealogy collection from the Czech Republic
- Artifact collections were moved from temporary storage to new artifact storage area, they have moved 5 times since the flood
- Curatorial staff installed 6 exhibitions and created 9 displays in 4 artifact cases between July and December
- Students visited from 47 different schools and youth groups
- Continued tours for 7th grade students to study urban flooding plus 2nd grade study tours on history and immigration
- A record 150 people volunteered 10,900 hours
- Museum Store had record-breaking sales exceeding the budget by 30%
- Fund raising efforts were successful, including BrewNost, which continues to bring in critical operating funds



A second grade artist from Coolidge Elementary captures the excitement of "following the leader" during a trek through the Grand Hall at NCSML.

January program: 'Immigration in the 21st Century'

January's Guild program presenter Andrea Siebenmann discussed "Immigration in the 21st Century" and her personal immigration story.

America has been the Promised Land from the late 1400s to present. Iowa immigration began in the 1800s. In recent history, visa has been the "key" for foreigners to come to the U.S. and Andrea explained various types of visa used today.

Andrea's personal story started in January 1994 as a J-1 visa research scholar at ISU. Her non-immigrant journey continued to 2000 when she received permanent residency and settled in Cedar Rapids. She became a U.S. citizen in 2009.

"My journey to citizenship was most fulfilling, and I am proud to be a U.S. citizen," Andrea said. She now has a dual citizenship of Slovakia and USA.

Andrea is employed by CCID, a non-profit company, working with community colleges in the U.S. and abroad on international programs and education. Interestingly enough, her work involves issuing applications for the same J-1 visa that first brought her to this country, a visa that promotes exchange programs for international visitors/students.



Milena Novosad and Jan Smolik, with Andrea Siebenmann. Andrea (Kováčová) Siebenmann spoke to Guild about the process of her immigration from Slovakia. Milena won a green card (or permanent residence visa) in a "Diversity Visa Lottery" 13 years ago. All three are Guild members.

February program: Sokol

The program for the February 2, 2013 Guild meeting was on Sokol. Brad Hess, the president of Sokol Cedar Rapids spoke on the start of Sokol in Prague of 1863 by Dr. Miroslav Tyrs. The fundamental ideas can be practiced in any democratic nation. Physically fit, mentally alert and culturally well-developed citizens can form a healthy and strong nation. Principals of Sokol are physical, mental, social and cultural. Sokol means falcon in Czech. A falcon is daring and fearless with independence and strength. It is a high flyer with the eagles and ever on guard. A unit was started in St. Louis, Mo on February 14, 1865. Currently there are six districts in the U.S. made up of many units. Sokol is worldwide. Europe has units in the Czech Republic, Poland, England and France. Canada, South America and Africa have units. Sokol came to Cedar Rapids in 1873. The first unit building was replaced in 1908 with a new building on 3rd street SE in downtown Cedar Rapids. The unit was getting ready to celebrate the 100th year in 2008 when the devastating flood washed away many artifacts and ruined the gym and kitchen equipment. The unit found a new location in December 2008. The unit hosted the Western District Slete (competition) in April of 2009. Sokol is the oldest gymnastic center in Cedar Rapids. Gymnastics for young girls and boys and adults is offered. Training in apparatus, rhythmic, floor and calisthenics is given. A senior stretch class is held once a week. A new kitchen will have the unit making kolaches and hosting pork dinners again. Bread dumplings are made at a church kitchen. Other events are BBQ Rib Dinners, Pancake Breakfasts, rummage sales and Sibrinky (a Czech heritage costume dance).



Brad Hess, current Sokol president, and Frank Edmunds, past president, display archival photos.



Education chair Jeanne Vogt reviews highlights of Brad Hess's program.



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Program: Brad Hess, president of the Cedar Rapids Sokol gave a presentation on the history of Sokol. The group started in Prague in 1862 and moved to the US in 1865. The Cedar Rapids chapter started about 1873.

Recording Secretary: Minutes from the January 2013 meeting were read by Recording Secretary Diana Geoffrey. After corrections were made Mel Holubar made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Barb Pulkrab seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with 100% vote.

Carolyn Holubar said the Guild wedding gift for Abigail Bourman was given to her at the museum shower.

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read a thank you note from Abigail and Jonathan Ibisch for the Guild wedding gift. She stated that the total volunteer hours for January 2013 was 863 with Donna Merkle contributing the most with 45.5 hours.

Treasurer: Betty Sheets, filling in for Treasurer Sally Stejskal, said that our ending balance for January 2013 was \$13,520.58. Three bills were presented. One for \$28.63 to House Of Trophys, \$52.20 from Diane Moore for parchment paper and \$ 119.80 from Cyndi O'Brien for koláče fillings. Pat Martin made a motion to pay these bills and Jeanne Vogt seconded the motion. The motion passed with 100% vote.

Museum Board Representative: Carol Wohlleben gave a report of the NCSML Board of Representatives for January 2013. She stated that the Museum ended 2012 in the "black".

Social: Cyndi O'Brien said the Kolace Club will be making 35 dozen koláče as a "Valentine Thank You" for some NCSML donors. Carol Wohlleben and Cyndi O'Brien met with Gail Naughton concerning the kitchen stove. A letter has been sent to the contractor in order to try and replace the current stove. It was also mentioned that we may need an additional stove and the membership was asked to think about financial backing.

Education: Jeanne Vogt said Masopust trip was cancelled. She mentioned upcoming St. Joseph's Day dance.

Membership: Betty Sheets stated as of today we have 102 paid members with 3 new members. Pat Martin and Linda Koehler volunteered to help contact members who have not yet paid dues for 2013.

Standing Committee Chairs: The following are chairs for standing committees: Membership: Betty Sheets, Education: Jeanne Vogt, History: Dave Stauffer, Publications: Pat Martin, Social: Cyndi O'Brien.

Audit: Sheryl Gardner stated that the Audit committee met Saturday January 12, 2013 and that no discrepancies were found. Carol Wohlleben made a motion to accept the committees report as final. Sylvia Popelka seconded the motion and it passed with 100% vote from the membership.

Publications: Pat Martin gave correct spelling for the word "koláč." Singular is koláč and plural is koláče.

By Laws: Carol Wohlleben reported that the Bylaws committee is continuing to meet. A draft will be presented to the membership for approval at a later date.

Survey: Diane Hayes asked for a volunteer to chair the survey committee. Jeanne Vogt volunteered.

Madeleine Albright: Sandra and John Hudson gave a presentation on the possibility of commissioning a pin to present to Madeleine Albright during her Cedar Rapids visit. Her committee is working with Ginsberg Jewelers in Iowa City to come up with a possible design with original artwork by Marj Nejd. The suggested Cloisonne method would cost from \$1,500 to \$3,500. It was decided to do more research on the cost and look into alternative gift ideas and present this at the March meeting.

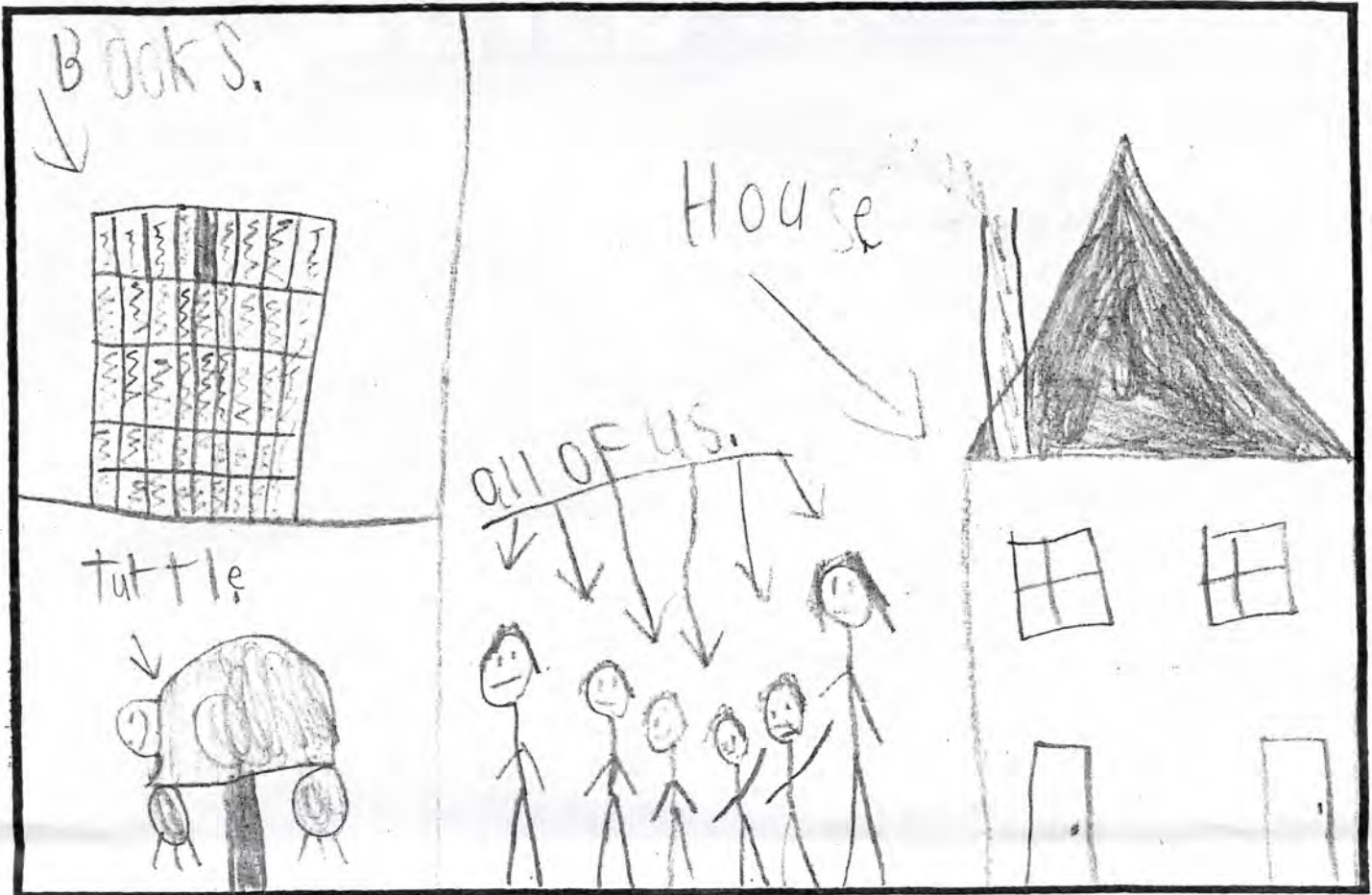
Guild Name Badges: Donna Merkle presented an idea for magnetic name badges for our members. The cost would be approximately \$10 to our members. Please let her know if you are interested.

Programs: The findings of the Madeleine Albright NCSML Guild special research committee will be presented at the March meeting in place of a regular program due to time constraints.

Member Photos: Sheryl Gardner will take photos of Guild members for the photo ID board after the meeting.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Marge Sedlacek received chocolates for winning the "Oldest Valentine" contest. Snack mix, donated by the Gardners-won by Laverne Fisher. Hand painted Czech egg, donated by Marj Nejd-won by Jeanne Vogt. Candle holder, donated by Jeanne Vogt-won by Frank Edmonds. Slovak chocolates and hand towel, donated by Andrea Siebenmann-won by Dolores Blood. Madeleine Albright "Read My Pins" book, donated by Loreen Svoboda-won by Joe Kurka. The next meeting will be March 2, 2013 and will be followed by a potluck. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diana Geoffrey, Recording Secretary



Art and Letters from school children arrive frequently...Volunteer for school tours and experience the delight of children in the world of NCSML! The above rendition is from a student in the second grade class of Miss Lodge, at Coolidge Elementary.

We get letters....

School children visitors to NCSML write the most wonderful letters of thanks. Enjoy the following snippets from Coolidge second graders to the volunteers who were their hosts.

"I learned that if you say something bad to the maYor you could go to jail and when a puppet says it you get away with it."

"I am sorry about the flood but the museum is really pretty."

"The Czech Museum is a fun place to be if I was you I would go to the Czech Museum."

"My favorite part about the whole thing was to get invited."

"You make marvelous tours."

"The immigration house was old, but cool. I can picture the attic in my brain."

"Every single person that was there loved it."

"When we went into the library we saw photos and passports. I liked it."

"It was fun to learn about how much people can live in a tiny house. If I lived in that house, I would have to be very pour. I mean think about it, no water no nothing."

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Next Membership Meeting
Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m.
At the NCSML
Join the excitement. Be there!

Legend of the Frost

Gardeners watch their favorite signals to determine when to plant. A Czech legend warns not to plant before May 12, 13, 14 because of the "three frozen kings" or "three frost saints."

Pangrac (also Pangras) died May 12, 304 A.D. Servac (also Servais or Servitus) died on a May 13 and Bonifac (or Tarsus) died on a May 14.

Then, on May 15, Sophia (Zofie) brought about a thaw with a kettle of boiling water. Sophia undoubtedly was brought into the legend because her feast day is May 15 and because she was known for her excellent cooking and baking. So, on May 15 or later it's safe to plant.

When May temperatures threaten frost, the legend is especially recalled. In the New World, this legend applies to parts of Canada and northern United States. Elsewhere, gardens are planted in March or April, and in some southern areas the climate permits planting year-around.

In Moravia, a five-foot figure representing the death of winter was drowned in a river on the first day of spring. The beginning of spring is heralded!