



Newsletter Staff:

**Terri Spahn
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**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Guild Newsletter March & April 1998**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild Members,

As the years pass and the great work of the Museum and Library continue, we find ourselves as enthusiastic as we were in the beginning. The Czech and Slovak heritage that is shared by so many in the community has manifested itself in a place of beauty, culture and renewal.

As guild members, there is an added bonus.....the bonus of friendship and shared history. Coming to Guild meetings, meeting in committee and volunteering provide ample opportunity for members to meet new and old friends. Over the last few years I have been reading more about the old adage "where our heart is ---there we are also". Our "presence" is needed. Our "availability" is needed. We need to be committed to doing our part.

For many of us, membership maybe just a piece of paper. A status symbol. A rite of origin. But I challenge you to make your presence known. We need you whether you can make calls, send in recipes, help organize a special event, volunteer, bake cookies or speak up at meetings.

We are blessed with a great group of willing helpers. Ask others to join us. Many hands make work light. I want to thank each of you for your cooperation, friendship and support.

Sincerely,
Maridee Dugger
Guild President



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NOTES from the February 7, 1998, MINUTES

Meeting called to order by President, Maridee Dugger at 9:35 AM at the Sokal Hall with 36 in attendance. Fern Fackler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barb Edmunds introduced visitor Simona Vaclavikova, an honor student at Mt. Mercy College, and her friend, Vladimir Bratic.

Czech word for the day by Milly Ortner ... SOKOL which means Falcon.

Secretary's Report for January 3rd meeting was read by Betty Truesdell.

Corresponding Secretary Patti Marolf read various thank you notes. Reported Sympathy and Get Well cards sent. Read letter from Frank Edmunds resigning as Guild representative to the Museum Board.

Treasurer's report was read by Fern Fackler. Reported the January 31, 1998, checking account balance at \$1593.19.

Patti Hikiji gave the Report of Museum Programs & Volunteer Activities.

Committee reports were given.

Unfinished Business ... mushroom and dumpling recipes are needed for our cookbook fund raising project.

New Business ... expenses were submitted to the Treasurer, Bob Stone reported on the 1997 audit of the books, Bob Stone brought a NATO expansion petition.

Other Business ... postal service refused our request for a stamp - museums are not accepted, Marj NejdI was voted in as the replacement for Frank Edmunds as Guild representative to the Museum Board.

The meeting was adjourned by Maridee Dugger and refreshments were served before the program conducted by Marj NejdI and Betty Petrzalek on the Sokal organization.

Note: Door prizes were won by Milly Ortner and Judy Ostrander.



MUSEUM GUILD 1998 OFFICERS

President	Maridee Dugger
Vice-president	Sylvia Rohlena
Recording Sec	Betty Truesdell
Treasurer	Fern Fackler
Corresponding Sec	Patti Marolf
Museum Guild Rep	Marj NejdI
Ex-Officio	Marilyn R. Tucker

Committee Chairs

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Buela Dvorak
History & Properties	Barb Pulkrab
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	
Publications	Terri Spahn
Public Relations	Fran Johnson
Social	Barb Edmunds

MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES FOR 1998

March 7	June 8 *	September 5
April 4	July 13 *	October 3
May 2	August 10 *	November 12

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS FOR 1998

March 17	June 16	September 15
April 21	July 21	October 20
May 19	August 18	November 17

December - pending new executive board
Meeting time: 7:00 p.m. at National Guardian office

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Feb 26 - Federation of Czech Groups, Pot Luck, 6:30 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church Basement.
Bring covered dish and table service. For information call Ed Kuba:
2. March 7 - Chili Supper, 5:00-7:30 p.m., St. Wenceslaus Church Basement
3. March 15 - Museum Volunteer Recognition Brunch, 12 noon, at Museum
4. March 15 - St. Joseph's Day Dance and Bake Sale, P-3 Retirees Hall, 4:30-7:00 p.m. Music by Lacina
5. April 5 - 60th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Emil and Evelyn Lamparek 12:30-4:00 p.m. at Museum
6. April 18 - Sokal Supper, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Sokal Hall

Annual Report to the Annual Meeting of the Museum from the:

MUSEUM GUILD OF THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

In 1997, its fourth year, the Guild continued to support the Museum as set forth in the mission statement of the Guild: 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 value of the Guild to the Museum consists of three main areas:

- 1) Providing unpaid volunteers
- 2) Providing charitable support
- 3) Serving as an educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

The most noteworthy benefit the Guild provided to the Museum is the thousands of volunteer hours the members donated to the Museum to assist it in fulfilling its purpose. The Guild has 106 members. Seventy-nine (79) volunteered at the Museum, including 22 Guild members who recorded over 100 hours each. The Guild members provided 5,958.25 volunteer hours working in the gift shop, as docents, gallery attendants, as receptionists, demonstrating Czech arts and crafts, setting up for programs, and helping care for the grounds. To arrive at a monetary value of the hours donated, 5,958.25 computed at minimum wage equals \$29,113.09 in donated labor. The Guild also assisted at Houby Days, Czech School, St. Joseph Dance, The Ambassador's Dinner and St. Mikulas Day.

Secondly, the Guild presented the Museum with gifts including a book truck for the library, funding for library files and archival papers, engraved name tags for the Museum staff, as well as providing refreshments for various events. The total of these gifts is \$808.11. Combining the value of donated hours plus donated gifts comes to \$29,921.20. Our fund raiser for the year was selling writing pens and lapel pins promoting the exhibit A Thousand Years of Czech Culture.

Thirdly, participation in the Guild strengthens the interest in and knowledge of the Czech and Slovak heritage for those who are of that descent as well as for our friends in the Guild who are of other ancestry. The monthly meetings of the Guild provide programs that are educational and interesting as well the opportunity for social interaction. Guild members proudly promote the Museum to others.

The members of the Guild are aware that change is inevitable. We also know that the Museum will always be looking at new and better ways of doing things and the Guild wants to be a part of that progress. We are all proud of our connection with the Museum, whether it be because of pride of our heritage, pride in community, or a pride in the history of the Museum and our confidence in its future. It is with great pleasure that the Guild looks forward to serving the Museum in 1998.

Prepared for the Annual Meeting of
THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY

January 19, 1998

By Marilyn R. Tucker, 1997 President



GUILD NEWS ...

Welcome New Members:

Berni Donnelly,
Jan Fields,
Leo Modracek,
Robert Rohlena,

thank you from ...

The members of the Museum Guild would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 1997 Executive Board for all of their hard work last year and for the wonderful Valentine/Thank you Party.

You did a GREAT job!

The 1997 Executive Board would like to thank those who attended the Valentine Dinner and also those who sent thank you cards.

CONGRATULATIONS
Evelyn and Emil Lamparek
on your 60th Wedding
Anniversary



Our Sympathy to:

Milly Ortner on the loss of her brother
Dolores Traunicek on the loss of her husband
Oriann Hamon on the loss of her husband
Susan Uthoff on the loss of her Father

our prayers are with you

other items of interest ...

MUSHROOMS & DUMPLINGS!!

We still need more recipes for the two cookbooks; the Mushroom Cookbook and the Dumpling Cookbook. Many Guild Members have turned in wonderful recipes for these two books, however, we still need about 50 more recipes for each book. Please take time to write these out and send to: Penfield Press, 215 Brown Street, Iowa City, IA 52245. If it is more convenient please send them for forwarding to: Marilyn R. Tucker,

The Guild will receive \$300 for each book or a total of \$600. Also, each person who submits a recipe(s) for mushrooms receives a free Mushroom Cookbook, and also by submitting a recipe(s) for dumplings receives a free Dumpling Cookbook. (If you are submitting a recipe from an existing recipe, which is in a copyrighted publication, three items need to be changed. The changes can be any combination: ingredients, methods, or name, just as long as three items are different.) If you have any questions please call for clarification.

SOKOL SUPPER

traditional Czech Pork, sauerkraut & dumpling
Saturday, April 18, 1998
Sokol Hall 417 3rd Street SE
Serving 4:00 - 7:00 PM
\$8.00 for tickets call Ed Nejd!

CZECH SCHOOL BENEFIT

Chili Supper & Bake Sale
Saturday, March 7, 1998
St. Wenceslaus Church (basement)
1224 5th Street SE, Cedar Rapids, IA
Serving 5:00 - 7:30 PM
\$3.00 cost

Make a note on your calendar to attend the April 15th -
Learn at Lunch "Comenius"
being presented by Bob Stone. A film on the life of famous Czech educator Jan Amos Komensky will be shown and Bob Stone will add his special comments and insights.



March 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7 9:30 Guild Meeting 5:00 Chili Supper
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1 5 12:00 Vol.Brunch 4:30 St.Joe Dance	1 6	1 7	1 8 12:00 Learn @ Lunch	1 9	2 0	2 1
2 2	2 3	2 4	2 5	2 6	2 7	2 8 10:00 Storytime
2 9 10:00 Travelogue	3 0	3 1	1	2	3	4 9:00 Batik Egg Decor 9:30 Guild Meeting

April 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9 10:00 Travelogue	3 0	3 1	1	2	3	4 9:00 Batik Egg Decor 9:30 Guild Meeting
5 12:30 Lamparek Wed.	6 7:00 Kava a Knihy	7	8 7:30 Brno Chamber O	9	1 0	1 1 9:30 Easter Customs
1 2	1 3	1 4	1 5 12:00 Learn @ Lunch	1 6	1 7	1 8 4:00 Sokal Supper
1 9	2 0	2 1	2 2 12:00 Ames Choir	2 3	2 4	2 5 10:00 Storytime
2 6	2 7	2 8	2 9	3 0 9:00 "Homelands"	1	2

PUMPKIN MARBLE CAKE

by: Patti Marolf

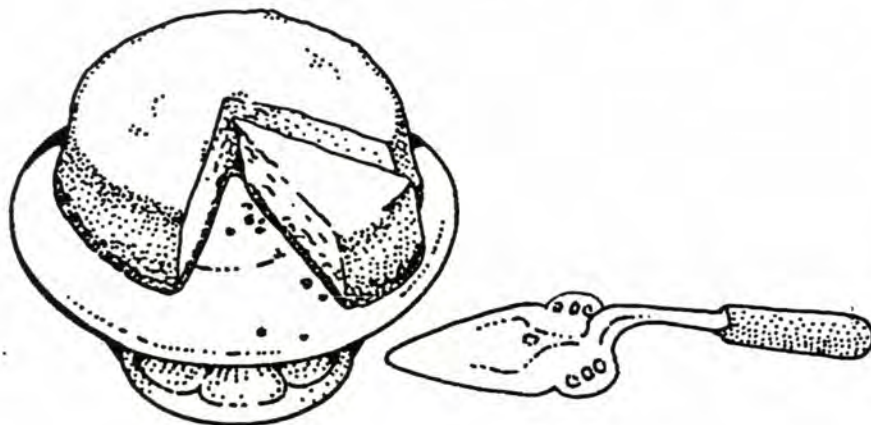
served at Museum Guild November 1, 1997 meeting



- 1 C. solid pack canned pumpkin
- 2 t. ground cinnamon
- 1 pkg. yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 C. sour cream
- 1/4 C. granulated sugar
- 1/2 C. vegetable oil
- 1/4 C. water
- powdered sugar & cinnamon mix

1. Combine pumpkin & cinnamon in a medium bowl. Combine cake mix, eggs, sour cream, sugar, oil & water in large mixer bowl. Beat on low speed until moistened. Then beat on high speed 2 minutes.
2. Stir 2 1/2 C. batter into pumpkin mixture. Spoon plain cake mixture & pumpkin mixture in alternate layers into a greased 10 C. bundt or round tube pan.
3. Bake at 375 ... 40 - 45 minutes until wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Remove from pan & cool on wire rack. Sprinkle top of cake with a cinnamon-sugar mixture. Let cake stand overnight for best flavor. Sprinkle with powdered sugar before serving.

Makes approximately 24 servings.



something good from the kitchen of ...

"THE PARTY"

The Thank You/Valentine 's Party, held on February 14, 1998, was enjoyed by 63 members of the Guild and their guests.

People were greeted at the door by Fern Fackler and Betty Truesdell. Fern gave each person a Bingo (JMENO) card and asked them to have others sign their name in a square. Betty had prepared lovely name tags incorporating Czech colors and red hearts for all attendees. Frank Edmunds had SOKOL HALL perfectly prepared ensuring that a good time would be had by all. Prior to the party Betty Truesdell and Leni Stastny covered each table in white and placed a white vase containing a red rose and baby's breath on a red heart doily.

Everyone enjoyed greeting and mingling with one another, and took seriously the assignment of getting their JMENO cards signed. At 6:30 p.m. we all enjoyed a traditional Czech dinner of pork, sauerkraut and dumplings prepared by our wonderful friends Ed and Marj Nejd. The dinner was delicious! ! We also helped ourselves to pink applesauce with cranberries provided by Fern and relishes provided by Leni. To complement this wonderful meal, Sykora's bakery donated Czech rye bread.

Fern and Barb Edmunds had a lively audience participation program planned. Based on "Name Day" (an old Czech tradition), everyone tried to find their names in Czech on the white and red scrolls that each received as a gift. It was fun for all and most of us will remember learning about "Name Day" on February 14, 1998.

It was time for bingo (JMENO). The caller drew names of those attending and if you had that name in one of your squares you covered it with a heart candy (we all enjoyed our heart candy at the conclusion of the game). Guest bingo JMENO callers were Guild members Frank Novotny, Leo Modracek and Robert Rohlena. Several people were the winners of bingo (JMENO) prizes.

Everyone hoped to be the winner of one of the several door prizes. It was heartwarming to see Dick Petrzalek win the beautiful Czech doll. Betty was thrilled that her husband won it because as she said, "We never win anything"! Betty can't say that anymore. Congratulations, Dick and Betty, on your win! The bingo and door prizes were donated by Fern, Betty, Sylvia Rohlena and Frank and Barb Edmunds.

Dessert time: What a sweet way to top off a beautiful evening! The choices were chocolate-cherry cake or lemon poppy seed cake. The delicious cakes were baked by Barb Edmunds, Betty Truesdell and Marilyn Tucker.

The 1997 Board enjoyed working on the Thank You/Valentine 's Day Party for all of the members of the Guild. It was so much fun to see everyone having such a good time! We want to thank those who attended—the most important ingredient for a successful party is having wonderful friends to share the good time with!

The 1997 Board—Marilyn Tucker, Fern Fackler, Barb Edmunds, Betty Truesdell, Leni Stastny, Frank Edmunds and Sylvia Rohlena.

Submitted by:
Marilyn Tucker



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- March 18 Learn At Lunch**
 "Czech Music in Cedar Rapids"
 Rollie Raim, Czech Heritage Band member and retired instrumental music teacher 12:00 Noon -1:00 p.m.
 WFLA Heritage Hall Bring your lunch. Free to the public.
- March 28 Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore**
 (children's storytime) 10:00 a.m.
 Museum Library Free to the public
- March 29 Armchair Travelogue**
 "These Are a Few of My Favorite Things"
 Slide Presentation George (Max) Naxera, Jr.
 2:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall Free to the public.
- April 4 Czech & Slovak Easter Customs & Traditions**
 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Demonstrations of ethnic arts and crafts. WFLA Heritage Hall
 Fee: \$2.00 per adult \$1.00 per student
- April 4 Batik Egg Decorating Classes**
 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 WFLA Heritage Hall
 Learn how to make "kraslice" (decorated Easter eggs) in the batik, or wax-resist style. Class fee: \$25.00
 Class size: limited to 15
 Instructor: Master Artist, Marj Kopecek Nejd
 Pre-registration required Registration Deadline:
 March 23 Contact the Museum to register.
- April 6 Kava a Knihy**
 Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series
 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Museum Library
- April 8 Brno Chamber Orchestra**
 7:30 p.m. Sinclair Auditorium Coe College
 Contemporary works by composers from the Czech and Slovak regions.
- April 11 Czech & Slovak Easter Customs & Traditions**
 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Demonstrations of ethnic arts and crafts at the Museum. WFLA Heritage Hall
 Fee: \$2.00 per adult \$1.00 per student
- April 15 Learn At Lunch**
 "Comenius" Bob Stone 12:00 Noon -1:00 p.m.
 WFLA Heritage Hall Bring your lunch and watch a film on the life of famous, Czech educator, Jan Amos Komensky. Bob Stone will add his special comments and insights. Free to the public.
- April 22 Choir Concert**
 Ames Children's Choir 12:00 Noon
 WFLA Heritage Hall
 Dr. Sylvia Munsen, Conductor American folk music selections. Admission: Donation at the door
- April 25 Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore**
 (children's storytime)
 10:00 a.m.
 Museum Library
 Free to the public
- April 30 Opening - New Exhibit**
 "Homelands"

Dekuji vam

The year 1997 was a highly successful one for the Museum thanks to the exhibition, A Thousand Years of Czech Culture: Riches from the National Museum in Prague and thanks to the dedicated support of the Museum Guild volunteers who donated 5,958.25 hours of service.

I began trying to list the various kinds of services Guild members offered and realized my list would undoubtedly fill the whole newsletter and then I would probably miss a thing or two. But I still wanted to mention some of the ways that Guild members have benefited the Museum in case someone was wondering, "what can I do," or "how can I help?" in 1998. Guild members:

- served as attendants in the gallery, immigrant home and information station
- served as sales clerks in the Gift Store and counted the inventory
- conducted Village Tours for visiting school children
- planted flowers in the garden and immigrant home flower boxes and decorated Christmas trees
- created artwork for posters and table decorations for dinners
- sorted, washed, and stripped goose feathers; made perouky and demonstrated ethnic arts and crafts
- hand-addressed invitations, stuffed envelopes, and hosted visiting curators
- baked, decorated, and served at receptions for museum programs and special events
- presented programs in our "Learn At Lunch" and "Armchair Travelogue" series
- and the list goes on

Preparation for the next exhibit, featuring artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection is underway. The schedule of programming, to complement the exhibit, is outlined and dates and times are being confirmed. Volunteers will again play an important role in the museum's activities.

I would like to thank all of the Guild volunteers who made the commitment in 1997 and gave so generously of their time and talents to support the Museum, its programs and special events.

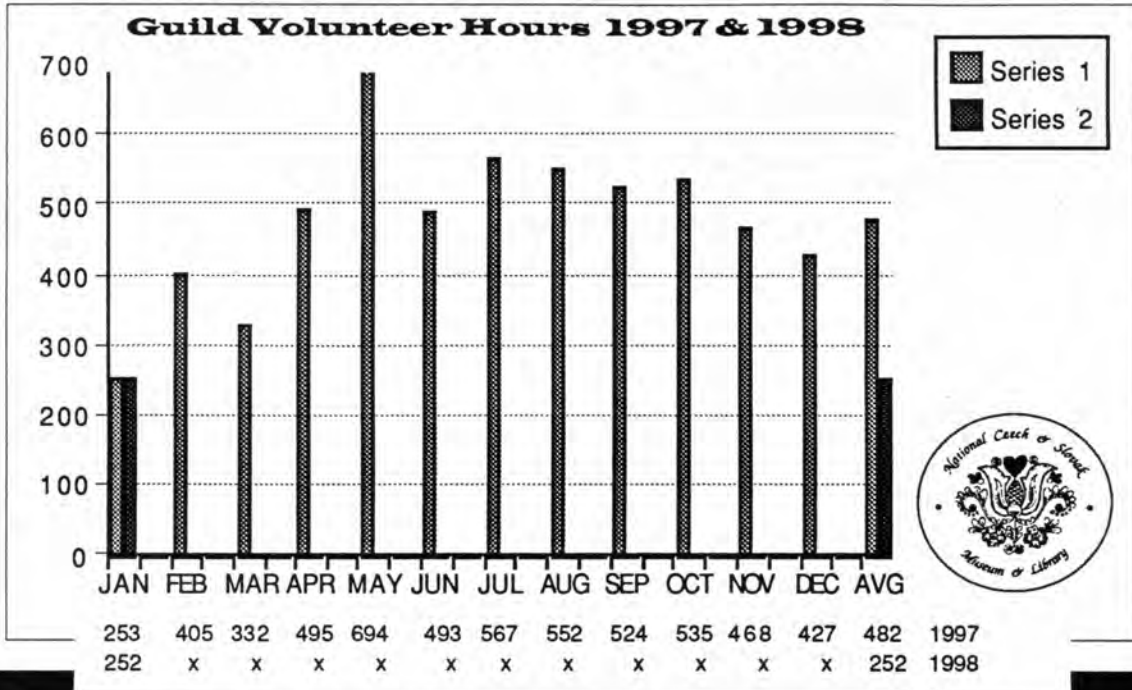
Dekuji vam mnohokrat!!

HELP WANTED:
 The Museum needs more volunteers.
 Can you help out?
 Do you know someone who would like to volunteer at the Museum?

Call: Patty Hikiji at 362-8500

volunteers

are needed



DECEMBER HOURS - 1997

43 volunteers recorded hours in December for a total of 426.75 hours.

Top Ten Volunteers:

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Marj NejdI | 29.5 |
| 2. Anne Reif | 25.0 |
| 3. Marilyn Tucker | 20.0 |
| 4. Barb Pulkrab | 17.5 |
| 5. Pauline Jasa | 15.0 |
| 5. Bob Stone | 15.0 |
| 5. Dolores Usher | 15.0 |
| 6. Mana Zlatohlavek | 14.75 |
| 7. Charles Opatrny | 14.0 |
| 7. Inez Popelka | 14.0 |
| 8. Ed Kuba | 13.5 |
| 8. Zula Oujiri | 13.5 |
| 9. Patti Marolf | 13.25 |
| 10. Mildred Chadima | 12.0 |
| 10. Lenora Watson | 12.0 |

JANUARY HOURS - 1998

29 volunteers recorded hours in January for a total of 251.75 hours.

Top Ten Volunteers:

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| 1. Pauline Jasa | 43.0 |
| 2. Barb Pulkrab | 22.5 |
| 3. Ed Kuba | 14.0 |
| 3. Marj NejdI | 14.0 |
| 4. Lydia Elias | 11.5 |
| 5. Olga Sedenka | 11.25 |
| 6. Zula Oujiri | 10.5 |
| 7. Irma Modracek | 9.5 |
| 8. Mana Zlatohlavek | 9.25 |
| 9. Frank Edmunds | 8.0 |
| 9. Hermina Rigel | 8.0 |
| 10. Barb Edmunds | 7.0 |
| 10. Ed NejdI | 7.0 |
| 10. Milly Ortner | 7.0 |
| 10. Anne Reif | 7.0 |

VOLUNTEER HOURS ... YEAR-END SUMMARY 1997

79 Guild members volunteered hours in 1997 for a total of 5,958.25 hours. The busiest month for Guild volunteers was May ... with a total of 694 hours recorded. 22 Guild members recorded over 100 hours of service for 1997.

TOP TEN VOLUNTEERS FOR 1997:

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|---------------------|--------|
| 1. Frank Edmunds | 417.25 |
| 2. Anne Reif | 236.0 |
| 3. Barb Pulkrab | 193.0 |
| 4. Marj NejdI | 182.0 |
| 5. Mana Zlatohlavek | 175.75 |
| 6. Barb Edmund | 161.5 |
| 7. Mildred Ortner | 157.0 |
| 8. Bob Stone | 151.0 |
| 9. Lydia Elias | 145.5 |
| 10. Marge Stone | 139.5 |



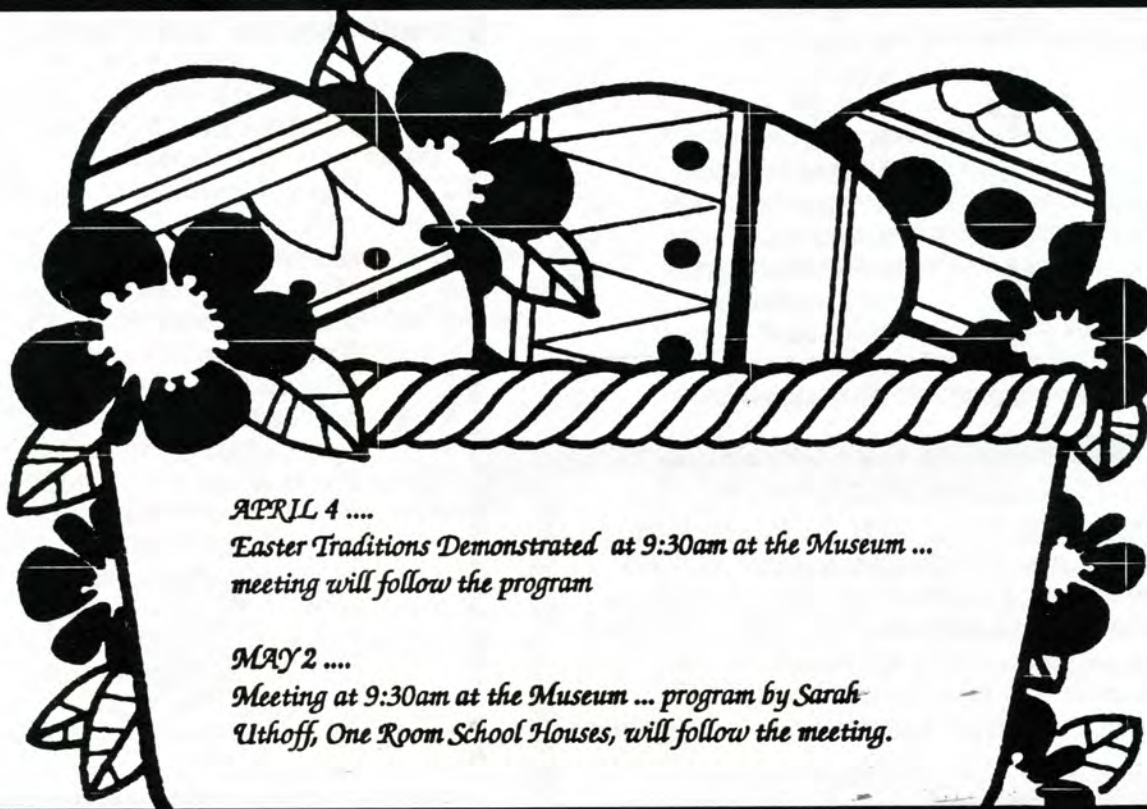
A special thank you to all of the Museum Guild members who attended the January 30, 1998 Reception and Preview honoring our members Evelyn and Emil Lamparek at the opening of their exhibit *A Legacy of Love: the Lamparek Collection*. The collection is absolutely beautiful and if you have not seen it yet you will want to make plans to do so.

The Guilded Page



Terri L. Spahn, Editor ...

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APRIL 4
*Easter Traditions Demonstrated at 9:30am at the Museum ...
meeting will follow the program*

MAY 2
*Meeting at 9:30am at the Museum ... program by Sarah
Uthoff, One Room School Houses, will follow the meeting.*

Upcoming Guild Meetings ...