

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

C.R. district-wide program-- NCSML/Czech Village to be destination of 7th Grade Science Flood Field Trip

Lights, Camera, ACTION.

And during Spring 2011, the ACTION will be at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and Czech Village, where some 1200 7th graders from the C. R. Public Schools will "take the classrooms" on a science flood field trip.

This is valuable opportunity for students that will enable them to learn about areas impacted and environmental short and long term effects of flooding. The is also an exciting opportunity for NCSML and will likewise be an exciting growth opportunity for docents.

It will take 12 days to accommodate some 1200 7th grade students and their teachers. Tours will occur between the hours of 9 -2:30 p.m. on the following dates:

March: 28,29,30,31

April: 5,6,7,8,11,13,14,15,22, 24,26

May: 2, 5, 11, 12,13,16, 23, 27

And more dates will be added!

"Whether or not you are currently a docent, everyone has the ability to teach our youth about our collective history." Jan Stoffer, director of operations at the NCSML, encourages all Guild members and museum enthusiasts to consider taking part in these tours.

The field trip for students will be shared with Indian Creek Nature Center. There will be two classes at each site, for 1.5 hours each, and then locations will be switched. All students will experience a guided tour of "Rising Above: The Story of a People and the Flood" and a walking tour of Historic Czech Village. Seventh grade earth, life, and ecological science classes emphasize understanding of the basic features and processes of the earth and interactions between them. There will be lessons prior to the field trip and assessments of understanding following it.

Please call Jan, at

let her know about your availability for tours. Email

Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference: 20th Century in Retrospect

March 11-12,

8 a.m.-9 p.m.

Marriott Hotel and Convention Center

One-day registrations and dinner program
tickets available on first-come basis

Contact Information:

Call 319-362-8500

Shirley Alexander named Guild-NCSML docent liaison

Shirley Alexander will be liaison between Guild and NCSML, as the Museum embarks on an upsurge of school tour activity this spring.

"In anticipation of the need for more volunteers, I have asked Shirley, a long-time docent for youth, to facilitate communication regarding volunteer needs between Guild and Jan Stoffer, NCSML director of operations," said Carol Wohlleben, Guild President.



Spring 2011





President's Message

Carol Wohlleben,
President, Guild of NCSML



Greetings NCSML Guild Members,

Your enthusiasm at our January meeting, followed by a good meeting in Feb., signals a positive sign for the busy year of 2011, as we help continue the excitement moving towards a newly positioned "red roof".

We have many tasks ahead, and our chairmen and committee members are already up and busy! There is still time for you to sign up for the committees. We have changed the format of some of them, by dividing the responsibilities and sharing the jobs more evenly. The Taste of Czech and the Cookie Walk are now chaired separately, as is the Social committee.

At the March 12 meeting the program will be about the Miss Czech/Slovak Iowa Pageant. How exciting!

March 5 is the trip to Provitin, IA to support the Masopust event, which is often described as the Czech Mardi Gras. Our attendance is not only enjoyable, but great support for other Czech organizations! Please contact Lavanda Woosley if you would like to attend.



Gail Naughton
President/CEO
National Czech & Slovak
Museum & Library

Four new people joined the Guild in Feb., but we would like to increase the "new" number even more. Please ask friends and family to join us in the excitement of supporting the museum and all its programs. Your presence sends such a positive message to the whole community.

There will be literally hundreds of school children from Cedar Rapids visiting the museum and 16th Ave. in the spring months. There is a need for more docents to meet the need of sharing the effects of the flood and the recovery process taking place on 16th Ave. and building the Czech history. Please help tell the story to these young folks!

CEO highlights 'MOVE' timeline

At the February membership meeting, Gail Naughton, Museum CEO, revealed to Guild members exciting news regarding "THE MOVE" of "the red roof" to align it with the new museum structure.

April 26-27 are moving days

The building will be secured for Houby Days, May 13-15.

May 17-18 . Lift the red roof building up.

May 19-20..Move building to new foundation

May 21...finish building off

WHEW!!! Some of us will be camped out on site!

At present, preparation for the move is under way, Gail explained.



(The following report was read at the Annual Meeting of NCSML Board of Directors. It is a review of Guild achievements and activities the past year. As you read, I hope you will recall what YOU accomplished in one year for National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in monetary, educational, and cultural terms.)

MUSEUM GUILD OF
THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY
Annual Report January 25, 2011

Greetings to the Board of Directors and members of NCSML at this, your Annual Meeting.

It is my privilege to present the Annual Report of Guild of NCSML.

Our Mission is to support activities, programs, and facilities of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. We do this with unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support. In addition, Guild serves as an educational service and social organization for persons interested in NCSML.

Our two major fundraisers provide important revenue as well as occasions of festivity and fun for members AND community: The 10th Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak kicked off Houby Days May 15. New this year was food sponsorship by seven Czech Village and New Bohemia businesses and organizations. Some 370 "tasters" enjoyed this event, which included 33 Old World favorite foods. A profit of more than \$3,800 was earned. More than 120 volunteers, including several staff members, cooked or worked the event in some capacity. Guild also sponsored a float in the Houby Days parade.

Our second major fundraiser is Cookie Walk, and the 12th annual was held December 4, in conjunction with the first Old Prague Christmas Market. More than 217 pounds of holiday goodies were purchased by happy patrons. Some 75 members of Guild and their friends baked cookies and made candies, worked the sale, or donated money. Sv Mikulas and his entourage attended, and profits exceeded \$2050.

During this past year Guild helped NCSML conduct two Babi's Kitchen classes. A February session demonstrated listy, and in an October session some 112 participants learned "the world of kolace." A new fundraiser, Heritage Tea, in August, emphasized family heritage. Some \$100 was earned.

Guild volunteers were Gallery Attendants and Museum Store assistants at NCSML's new location in the Kosek Building in Historic Czech Village. Social Committee contributed to five receptions: a retirement reception for two long-time staff members and four honoring an artist and three authors.

After careful scrutiny, our By Laws were reviewed, updated, and ratified by NCSML Board of Directors

On the social scene and supporting our Mission to represent NCSML at Czech events other than in Cedar Rapids, Guild chartered a bus to the Czech Mardi Gras, Masopast, held Feb. 13 in Protovin.

Our mission includes continued education for volunteers, and this year Guild meeting programs focused on NCSML Flood Recovery, Czech Village/ New Bohemia, Svetluský (Fireflies) music ensemble, Museum Store and volunteer updates, International Studies Program at Kirkwood, and "The Velvet Revolution."

Some 50 Guild members contributed to the success of NCSML's BrewNost 2010 in October. We baked and contributed everything from needlework to poppyseed babovka to the Old World Market and Silent Auction. We provided some 800 dessert bites, washed dishes, served and assisted, and sold raffle tickets.

In 2010, Guild made possible the following monetary donations to NCSML.

Unrestricted Funds: \$4000

NCSML at Kosek kitchen supplies: \$500

Czech Heritage Cookbook contributed \$4035 profit to Museum Store profits

Incidentally, since its inception in 2007 our Cookbook has provided some \$15,614 directly to Museum Store revenue. We have sold 1893 copies and are investigating and reserving funds for a third printing.

We published four issues of Guilded Page, our newsletter, which provides information about and applauds the volunteerism and comraderie of our group. Membership topped 125, and the average monthly meeting attendance was 43.

When our Guild members are not working directly on Museum business, they are supporting NCSML mission by volunteering for Czech School, attending Sokol events, working with Czech Heritage, baking kolaches, polishing plaques and washing glasses, supporting Czech Village merchants, teaching children traditional dance and music, and producing art and books that promote the history and heritage of the culture.

We are up to the challenges that await us in 2011.

Pat Martin, NCSML GUILD President, 2009 and 2010



Minutes of the January NCSML Guild Meeting

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Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 45 members and one guest attending. We had no new members.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the November meeting, it was approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary: Helene Golden sent a Thinking of You card to Leo Modracek and Charles Opatrny. Congratulations card for the wedding of Betty Gallagher's granddaughter.. Suzie's daughter, Guild member Jennifer Bird Greve. Read thank you note from Donna Merkle for our \$25 donation to Svetluský. Read letter from NCSML about end-of-the-year gift. Read Lavanda Woosley's thank you card to us for taking her tours to Protivin and Spillville. Also read the details about the trip to Masopust on March 5th.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets said we have \$12,143.80 in the bank. Two bills were presented, one for \$136.82 for reimbursement to Lu Volsch for costs incurred during the Taste of Czech and The Heritage Tea events, and one to St. Wenceslaus Church for the yearly fee to hold NCSML Guild meetings at their facility for the 2011 calendar year. A motion was made by Dorothy Voelkers and seconded by Milly Ortner to approve paying said bills and was approved by 100% yes vote.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar attended the December 16, 2010 Board meeting. He explained that the breaking of ground at the new Museum site was delayed until FEMA made their final settlement. If you start prior to their approval, you can lose part of the funding. We received the OK on 12/03/10 and soil samples were taken that evening. As fill dirt can't be placed on frozen ground, the area to be filled in had to be covered. Once code allowed, plans to start moving fill dirt started 12/20/10, lights were provided by Musco and work was to be 24 hours per day for 3 days. He attended the ground breaking ceremony at 3:30 on 12/15/10 and the reception following at the Kosek building where Gail announced that the total funding had been reached. We matched the \$3 million given by the Hall Perrine Foundation by our fund raising of \$6 million. The original plans were to move the Museum in February as frozen ground would be a good surface to move on but since about a 2 month delay the move will now be in April. Opening of the Museum is still planned for mid 2012. Sales in the gift store during the opening this year was \$97,000. We all should give a big thank you to Doug. To watch work on the new building site, go to www.ncsml.org, click on WATCH US MOVE. You can either look through the South or West camera. The cameras update every 10 seconds and you may get the best views from the West camera.

Volunteer request: Jan Stoffer needs 6 volunteers to assist on 01/12/10 to take down the decorations we assisted in putting up on 16th Avenue for the Old Prague Market event.

Masopust Event: Lavanda Woosley spoke about the upcoming bus trip to Protivin, IA for Masopust (Czech Mardi Gras). The trip is Saturday 03/05/11 leaving at 11am from the Lindale Mall- Hy Vee parking lot. Bring a sack lunch and drink as we won't be stopping for lunch. Return trip starting at approximately 7pm. The cost is \$69 per person and we need at least 25 confirmed passengers to proceed.

Lu Volsch: Gave a report on the 2010 Cookie Walk. 57 people brought goodies (50 last year), 75 different kinds of cookies and candies (56 last year), approx. 370 dozen cookies (244 last year) 100 customers (125 last year), sold about 217 lbs of goodies. \$27.70 was made in the café, \$251 in donations from 11 people, 32 members helped during the event plus 3 youngsters. \$1737 total cookie sales (\$1623.75 last year). She thanked all NCSML Guild members for their phenomenal efforts in 2010. With our 3 fund raising events, we made \$6072.75!

Guild Business: The Executive Committee introduced our existing committees and gave a brief description of what each does. We will open up the committees during the February meeting for people to sign up for. Many Chairs have already been designated, but please contact the Executive Committee if you are interested in a Chair position. We will also have a "New Member Drive" during the February meeting, so invite all you think may be interested.

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced Andrea Siebenmann who presented the NCSML Guild Archives. Year books that show the past in picture and script. Plans are to keep the hard copy of the books plus put a copy on line.

Celebration: Carol Wohlleben gave a very heart felt Thank You to Andrea Jilovec who will be leaving the Museum staff on 01/07/11. She let her know how much the Guild has looked upon her for education and program ideas and that we truly hope she will continue to be a part of the Guild Family. Andrea was presented with a Thank You/Best Wishes cake during our refreshment time.

Meeting attendance Lottery: A Czech inspired decorated night light was donated by Marj NejdI, and won by Barb Pulkrab.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long
Suzie Long



Andrea Jilovec, former Volunteer Coordinator, was honored with a cake at the January meeting. Guild members expressed appreciation of Andrea's competence, graciousness, and warmth.

January Guild program blends information with small group sharing of historical books

History Committee chair Andrea Siebenmann presented the January program, which included "table sharing" of 11 archival notebooks that record some of the history of NCSML Guild. Guild members perused the books as they enjoyed camaraderie and refreshments.

Andrea has been compiling these notebooks since 2001, when she volunteered for this role. She continued in this post through 2010. The books are filled with photos and points of interest that depict Guild activities.

Books have been stored at Andrea's home, but when the new National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library opens in 2012, all Guild records will be stored there. Although Andrea's collection includes traditional "scrapbooks," perhaps the future will include electronic records as well, Andrea said.

As of 2011, History Committee co-chairs are Marge and Bob Stone.

NCSML Development Team members review recent achievements, goals for Guild audience

"Capital Milestones," including monetary success with FEMA, Vision Iowa, and Hall-Perrine, were highlighted in the program by Jason Wright, Vice President for Development of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, at Guild's February meeting.

Jason also cited the great press coverage we have enjoyed this year, as well as success of BrewNost, the first Prague Old World Market, groundbreaking for new construction in December, and the oral history project, with some 75 interviews now complete.

The following staff members introduced themselves and highlighted their duties:

Susan Sokolsky, Executive Asst. to CEO;
Lindsey Buchheit, Database Manager;
Kecia Boysen, Annual Fund Manager

Jason interpreted the work of the following:
Rob Cline, Grant Manager; **Leah Wilson**, Major Gifts Officer.

He mentioned new staff hires: **Carrie Kriz**,

Museum Store assistant; **Tricia Bender**, working with Curator Stefanie Kohn.

NCSML is now unequivocally a recognized national museum, enjoying 90 thousand visits to our website per month, Jason mentioned.



Jason Wright, Vice President for Development, highlighted NCSML's "Capital Milestones."

2010 Year-End Guild Financial Report

Receipts and Disbursements													Annual
2010	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total To Date
Beginning Balance	7,947.41	8,008.82	8,337.67	8,734.70	9,006.70	13,287.92	12,757.97	8,668.31	9,242.27	9,177.50	9,438.20	9,800.21	7,947.41
Receipts													
Dues	260.00	340.00	130.00	50.00	40.00	10.00			10.00	10.00	50.00	100.00	1,000.00
Cookbooks		50.00	75.00			150.00		25.00	50.00	225.00		125.00	700.00
Cookbooks (shipping)													
Cookbooks-NCSML		223.60		447.20	704.34		447.20	447.20			547.82	447.20	3,264.56
Donations	5.00	15.00	10.00					10.00					40.00
Aprons			10.00		50.00							45.00	105.00
Taste of Czech/Slovak					3,420.00								3,420.00
Taste C/S Donations			200.00	80.00	165.05	20.00							465.05
Cookie Walk												1,842.95	1,842.95
Cookie Walk Donations												212.00	212.00
Reception-Patty & Pat			263.00	100.00									363.00
Tea								91.00					91.00
Cash Drawer					500.00							300.00	800.00
Return of Rental Deposit							50.00						50.00
Interest	1.69	1.25	1.48	1.45	1.83	1.78	1.14	0.76	0.76	0.70	0.39	0.49	13.72
Total Receipts	266.69	629.85	689.48	678.65	5,031.22	31.78	498.34	573.96	60.76	235.70	598.21	3,072.64	12,367.28
Disbursements													
Newsletter (printing)	84.80		92.45	10.70		76.10			125.53			120.25	509.83
Newsletter (postage)		176.00					88.00				211.20		475.20
Printing	70.48												70.48
Aprons												208.80	208.80
Houby Days/Banner				140.00		31.02							171.02
Taste of C/S Expenses					250.00	285.41							535.41
Taste Cookie Wlk Supplies						119.20							119.20
Programs				25.00		50.00				(25.00)	25.00		75.00
Reception			100.00	230.95									330.95
NCSML							4,500.00						4,500.00
NCSML-Endowment													0.00
St. Wenceslaus donation												100.00	100.00
Rentals	50.00	75.00	100.00										225.00
Rental Deposit		50.00											50.00
Cash Drawer					500.00							300.00	800.00
Total Disbursements	205.28	301.00	292.45	406.65	750.00	561.73	4,588.00	0.00	125.53	(25.00)	236.20	729.05	8,170.89
Ending Balance	8,008.82	8,337.67	8,734.70	9,006.70	13,287.92	12,757.97	8,668.31	9,242.27	9,177.50	9,438.20	9,800.21	12,143.80	12,143.80
Appropriated	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Unappropriated	<u>3,008.82</u>	<u>3,337.67</u>	<u>3,734.70</u>	<u>4,006.70</u>	<u>8,287.92</u>	<u>7,757.97</u>	<u>3,668.31</u>	<u>4,242.27</u>	<u>4,177.50</u>	<u>4,438.20</u>	<u>4,800.21</u>	<u>7,143.80</u>	
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Development Team Members participate in Membership Meeting Program



**Susan Sokolsky, Executive Assistant to
NCSML President/CEO**



**Lindsey Buchheit,
Database Manager**



Kecia Boysen, Annual Fund Manager

NCSML GUILD WORKING COMMITTEES in 2011

This list is a work in progress, with additions regularly

Education

Jeanne Vogt, chair
Barb and Frank Edmunds
Donna Merkle
Bob Stone

History

Marge and Bob Stone, co-chairs
Chris Gallagher
Allison Geoffrey

Star Horak

Public Relations

Lavanda Woosley, chair
Jennifer Greve
Leni Stastny
Dorothy Voelkers

Membership

Jennifer Greve, chair
Milly Ortner, asst. to chair

Social

Diana Geoffrey, chair
And a multitude of bakers!

Publications

Pat Martin, chair
Helane Golden
Carolyn Holubar
Cyndi O'Brien

Gardening

Cindy Monroe
Others, per need basis

Fundraising

Taste of Czech & Slovak

Carol Wohlleben and Beth DeBoom,
co-chairs

Shirley Alexander, Shally Garin, Carolyn
Holubar, Karen Hospodarsky, Cyndi
O'Brien, Marie Webster, Lavanda Woosley

Heritage Event: Pat Martin, chair

Barb Edmunds, Karen Hospodarsky, Irene
Konecny, Leni Stastny, Dorothy Voelkers,
Marie Webster

Cookie Walk: Barb Pulkrab and Marie Webster, co-chairs

Shirley Alexander, Dolores Blood,
Jennifer Greve



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Cyndi O'Brien, Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 37 members and one guest attending. We had 7 new members.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long read the Minutes from the December meeting, it was approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets said we have \$8081.11 in the bank. We received \$420.52 in member dues, donations and interest and \$286.82 was paid for approved expenditures. No new bills were presented.

Ex-Officio: Pat Martin reminded all of the Feb deadline to get articles or information to her that needs to go into the upcoming Guilded Page spring edition. She also asked that all committee chairpersons get her a list of their committee members.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar reported that he attended the 01/25/11 Board meeting and NCSML Annual Meeting. He complimented Pat Martin, past Guild President on her very comprehensive summation of the activities our Guild Members were involved in and the monetary contributions made to NCSML. Officers for the upcoming year: Sue Olson, Chairperson, Lu Barta Barron, Vice Chair, Rich Mitvalsky, Secretary, Neil Havilik, Treasurer. The meeting centered around finances. Past fund raising centered around the local area but the next fund drive will be on those living beyond the local area. To reduce expenses, it was decided to not replace Andrea Jilovec's position. Her duties will be spread among the present staff. Amazing statistics are that in 2010 the number of people that attended either NCSML or NCSML Guild activities were 24,878. People attending came from 49 states and 14 countries! There will also be an unveiling of a newly re-cast statue of Woodrow Wilson, in Prague. The unveiling is scheduled for October 4/5, 2011 and some from the Cedar Rapids area plan to attend. The statue is to recognize the part Woodrow Wilson had, along with the heads of Great Britain and France in the formation of some Country boundaries in Europe. This was the birth of Czechoslovakia. The original statue was melted down by Germany during World War II. He also reminded of the Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference that will be held at the Marriott Hotel on March 11 and 12, 2011.

Audit Committee Report: Fern Fackler and Marilyn Tucker did the audit of 2010 finances and found them to be completely accurate. Commendation was given to Alicia Jackson for her very detailed recording of the Guilds financing while she was the treasurer. A motion was made to accept the results of the audit. Pat Martin motioned to accept, it was seconded. The motion passed with a 100% yes vote.

Volunteer Spotlight: Was on Marj NejdI for all of her work personalizing Czech ornaments sold through the Museum. It was recorded that she did a record setting number of 497 ornaments this past Christmas season!

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced a presentation of current NCSML staff who spoke of their current positions and duties. We heard from Susan Sokolsky, Executive Assistant, Jason Wright, Vice-President of Development, Lindsey Buchheit, Data Base Manager, Kecia Boysen, Annual Fund Manager and Gail Naughton, President and CEO. Gail informed us of the plans to move the Red Roof building. The move is scheduled for April 26/27. The building will be secured in place until after Houby Days, then will be raised to the new height on May 17/18, moved onto the new foundation May 19/20 and finishing work to be completed May 21, 2011. Betty Gallagher asked if there are plans for tee shirts or other souvenirs for the event. Gail responded that they are working on that topic and know for sure they will be saving some of the bricks from the original building that won't be moved to the new location.

Guild Business: Introduction of Committee Chairpersons: Jeanne Vogt- Education; Cindy Monroe-Gardening; Bob and Marge Stone-History; Jennifer Greve and Milly Ortner-Membership; Pat Martin-Publications; Diana Geoffrey-Social; Fundraising: Barb Pulkrab-Cookie Walk; Pat Martin-Heritage Tea; TBD Taste of Czech and Programs.

Announcements: Carolyn Holubar reminded all to record their volunteer hours in the books at the museum. It is VERY important for grant requests and funding. Hours spent at monthly meetings do qualify and should be recorded. Donna Merkle reminded all of the upcoming trip to the Masopust event in Protivin, IA. Her group will be performing and we still need confirmed people to take the trip or the bus will have to be cancelled.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Tissue box cover, won by Lavanda Woosley; Czech/Valentine inspired ornament, won by Suzie Long; Valentine quilted table topper, won by Barb Pulkrab; Hand painted, Czech inspired kitchen towel, won by Donna Merkle,

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long

Everyone loves a contest!

***Museum Store Sponsors
Lamb Cake Competition***



*When was the last time
YOU saw one of these
up close and personal?*

Easter Dinner Lamb Cake!

Saturday, April 16: Lamb Cake Competition. Join us for the first ever Lamb Cake Competition in Czech Village. Categories for Youth (ages 9 – 17) and Adult (18 and older). Cakes must be homemade and decorated by the entrant. (Note: Children may have adult assistance with their entry; however, the majority of the work must be completed by the child.) Cakes are judged based on taste and presentation. There is no entry fee; however, entrants are required to submit their recipes. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. Judging begins at 11a.m. Cakes on display all day in the Kosek Building classroom.

First place Adult Winners win a \$50 gift certificate from the Museum Store plus a \$10 gift certificate from Al's Blue Toad, Second Place a \$25 gift certificate and 3rd place a \$10 gift certificate.

First place Youth wins a \$25 gift certificate from the Museum Store plus a \$5 gift certificate from Sykora's Bakery, second place a \$10 gift certificate and third place a \$5 gift certificate from the Museum Store.

****Registration forms and Lamb Cake pans are available in the Museum Store.****

Families in the former Czechoslovakia observe Easter rituals with slivovitz, bread (mazanec, houska, Jidase), lamb cake (baranek), gingerbread, red eggs and other treats

In any culture, a major holiday such as Easter is celebrated within the family with traditional food, desserts, and liquors. The Czechs and Slovaks are no exception. Families prepare a wide array of customary Easter goodies specific to the welcoming of springtime celebration that is Easter.

Lamb Sponge or Pound Cake (Baranek)

A traditional Easter sweet in the Czech Republic is the baranek, a tasty sponge or pound cake made in a mold the shape of a lamb, glazed with sugary icing and sometimes chocolate icing. It is great with coffee on Easter morning, but visitors can be somewhat disconcerted when they are invited and encouraged to cut its head off first.

The Easter feast is mainly associated with the symbol of a lamb. In the past, people who could not afford a real lamb substituted this symbol with a cake of an identical shape. And so they baked lambs from sweet yeast dough, batter or sponge.

Questions? Direct them to...
Douglas Smith, Director, Retail and Business Development
National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
87 Sixteenth Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404
319-362-8500 www.NCSML.org

Educational Question for All!

Who was the famous Czech known as the "Teacher of Nations"?
(Answer on page 12)

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Guided Page Staff this issue...

Pat Martin, Editor

Cyndi O'Brien, Circulation Mgr.

NCSML Staff Photos by Carolyn Holubar

Contributors: Shirley Alexander, Helane Golden,

Leni Stastny, Jan Stoffer, Bob Stone,

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NOVEMBER

25 volunteers
322.25 Total Volunteer Hours

TOP TEN

Carol Wohlleben	42.00
Marj Nejd	33.50
Jackie Allen	31.50
Pat Martin	26.00
Shirley Alexander	24.00
Irene Konecny	18.00
Lydia Elias	15.00
Bob Stone	14.25
Mary Ellen Krotz	12.50
Helane Golden	12.00



JANUARY

18 volunteers
235.5 Total Volunteer Hours

TOP TEN

Carolyn Holubar	31.50
Donna Merkle	26.50
Mel Holubar	26.50
Jackie Allen	26.50
Ken Erger	20.00
Pat Martin	17.50
Mary Ellen Krotz	16.50
Barb Pulkrab	15.00
Mary Dvorak	12.00
Bob Stone	12.00

Guild Volunteers: Do not forget to RECORD YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS IN NOTEBOOK/NCSML MUSEUM STORE. Hour Totals are important for credit for YOU and are a measure for earning grant money for our museum

DECEMBER

Totals Not Available. HOWEVER, MARJ NEJD individually personalized some 500 ornaments sold in NCSML Museum Store Way to go, Marj! A record!!

VOLUNTEER HOURS include your time as a docent, baker, Museum Store attendant, and for your attendance/support of Museum programs and events. Keep track of your time devoted to Guild committee work as well. It all adds up!!!!!!

Houby Days Kick-Off Celebration

Friday, May 13, 2011

5-7 p.m.

St. Ludmila's
Catholic Church Social Hall
211 21st Ave., S.W.

A celebration
of Czech
and Slovak
cuisine

Interested in being a donor, with a monetary gift, or a sponsor, for advertising purposes? Please call Carol Wohlleben, Guild President, at 377-0753.





From the Archives...

Villagers are wearing their "working costumes" at the Czech Village Bandstand. The bandstand was a 1976 joint gift from the Iowa Bicentennial Commission and the Kosek family, a pioneer Iowa Czech family.

The musicians and dancers were part of The Boddicker School of Music, which was located in Czech Village and always a presence at Czech festivals and events.

The clock pictured here is now on the sidewalk next to the bandstand, instead of on a landscaped "island" in the middle of 16th Avenue.

This photo was in the first edition of Czechoslovak Wit and Wisdom, compiled by Pat Martin and published by Penfield Books, in 1984. At that time, many merchants, Czech Heritage and Fine Arts members, and guests led the way with costume-wearing at Czech Village events. Many of the costumes in this photo were created by Guild member Jessie Stastny.

St. Joseph Day Events at NCSML and in Village

All Events on Saturday, March 19

WEAR RED and receive \$1 off of admission at museum/historical Kosek Building..AND 10% discount on Museum Store treasures! Become a member of NCSML this day, if you are not already, 9:30-4 p.m.

St. Joseph Day honors the foster father of Jesus. He is the patron saint of the worker and the family, and St. Joseph is especially venerated in connection for prayers offered for the grace of a happy death.

****PARADE** at 11 a.m.

****Family Folkways.** 1 p.m. Pat Martin will present "Preserving Our Family History." Free of charge. Kosek Building downstairs classroom.

****"Rising Above the Flood"** gallery tour in Kosek building with NCSML curator Stefanie Kohn. Included with paid admission to gallery. Free to members.

Village shops will be featuring specials in honor of the day's celebrations.

May- June Reserved for 2nd, 3rd Grade Tours

MAY 3: Wilson 3rd graders; 12:15-1:45 p.m.

MAY 6: Cleveland 3rd graders; 12:15 -1:45 p.m.

MAY 10: Garfield 3rd graders; 12:15-1:45 p.m.

MAY 18: Polk pre-K, from 10-11:30

Please call Jan Stoffer, 319/362-8500. or
email her at _____ if you are available to
help while enjoying young and eager learners!

THE GUILDED PAGE

Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting
Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.
St. Wenceslaus Chihak Hall

**Program: Miss Czech-Slovak
Iowa Pageant**

NCSML Meeting Hosts and Hostesses *March 12*

Marge and Bob Stone, Lenora Watson

April 2

Pat Martin, Jessie Stastny, Leni Stastny

May 7

Betty Gallagher, Jennifer Greve, Suzie Long

Call Social Chair, Diana Geoffrey, Social Chair,
to reserve your host/hostess spot!

Educational Answer for All!

Jan Amos Komensky. He established complete, modern, educational programs in several European countries for children and adults of all ages. He also wrote the first illustrated textbook for children. Born March 28, 1592; Died November 8, 1670.

Contributed by Bob Stone



Host couples for January Membership meeting:

Lud and Loreen Svoboda

and Barb and Frank Edmunds

Every business meeting is a celebration with
our host/hostess attention to ambiance!