

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Museum Guild Members:

It's hard to believe that we've begun a new year. It's even harder to believe that we are in the middle of January in Iowa with the temperatures we have been enjoying and no snow! Even better than Florida!

I hope each and every one of you enjoyed your holiday season. Now it is back to work as usual and that includes Museum Guild business. As your new President, I am counting on your help to make this year the greatest ever.

First of all, we need volunteers for some committees:

- 1 person for Education
- 2 people for Fund Raising
- A chairperson for History & Property
- 1 person to assist History & Property
- 2-3 people for Program
- A chairperson for Social
- A chairperson for Auditing

In addition, we still need hosts for many meeting dates.

Please consider if you might like to volunteer in the Library on weekends. Having volunteers would allow the Library to be open to visitors during weekend hours. Numerous times, while working in the gift shop, people have asked about accessing the Library, but it has never been open on weekends. This would be a wonderful volunteer opportunity and a benefit to the Museum.



If you would be willing to serve in any of the above capacities, please contact me either at _____ (you can leave a message) or by e-mail at _____

Your volunteering will save countless recruiting phone calls. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve in these ways.

I look forward to working with each of you during this coming year as your President.

Sincerely,

Beula Dvorak, President

COOKIE WALK

The 2001 Cookie Walk held on December 9th at the Museum was another successful event. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in any way to make it a success. We made approximately \$600 this year even though we had fewer cookies, and were completely sold out before 1:00 pm. The selection was fantastic! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 14, 2002, for our next annual Cookie Walk event. Again, **THANK YOU** to each one of you who helped with the Cookie Walk. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.



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

Prepared for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Annual Meeting

January 21, 2002

The year 2001 has proven to be another fulfilling and rewarding experience for the Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

The Guild has continued to provide financial and charitable support for the Museum and serve its members as an educational, service and social organization. Membership of the Guild is at 103 members.

This past year we purchased a copy machine and a 100-cup coffee maker for the NCSML. Our third annual gift of \$1500.00 to the Guild Memorial Endowment Fund was presented in March. We purchased for the Museum Library a signed copy of James R. DeLong's book on the history of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We donated \$125.00 to the Federation of Czech Groups to help defray the shipping costs for the books they send to the Czech Republic. This year we designed, with the help of Marj Nejd, Guild aprons to be worn at our fundraisers in order to help advertise our organization. The money for these expenditures was raised from cookbook sales, our annual Taste of Czech (held on May 18, 2001) and our Cookie Walk (held on December 8, 2001). Both events were quite successful and we received a great deal of positive feedback from those attending.

In keeping with our goals we have continued to provide our members with educational programs at our monthly meetings. We enjoyed a field trip to the Iowa Masonic Library, a bus tour to Goosetown in Iowa City and the Hoover Museum and Library. This year we also upgraded our name badges for the membership and published our quarterly newsletter, *The Guilded Page*.

On March 10, 2001 we made two amendments to our Bylaws. We added attendance of the NCSML Fall Dinner to the duties of the Guild President. This ensures the Guild's representation at this function. We have also empowered the Treasurer with sole signature responsibility for checks in the amount of \$500.00 or less. Any amount over \$500.00 will still require the dual signatures of the Treasurer and the President. The Executive Board established a realistic working budget for our organization in order to maintain closer control of our expenditures and estimated income.

With the enthusiasm and dedication of our current Guild members I know we will continue to move forward with our goals and maintain our solid support of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in 2002.

— Gary F. Dvorak
2001 Guild President

2002 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Beula Dvorak
Vice President	Dorothy Conner
Treasurer	Leo Modracek
Rec. Secretary	Andrea Siebenmann
Corres. Secretary	Alicia Jackson
Museum Guild Rep.	Sylvia Rohlena
Ex-Officio	Gary Dvorak

2002 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Irma Kelly
History & Property	TBA
Membership	Milly Ortner
Program	Fern Fackler
Publications	Cynthia T. Shaffer
Public Relations	Gary Dvorak
Social	TBA
Volunteer Coordinator	Pattv Hikiii

**THANK YOU
FOR A JOB WELL DONE . . .**

TO THE 2001 OFFICERS:

President Gary Dvorak
Vice President Dorothy Conner
Treasurer Leo Modracek
Recording Secretary Andrea Siebenmann
Corresponding Secretary Leni Stastny
Museum Guild Representative Sylvia Rohlena
Ex-Officio Sylvia Rohlena

**YOU HAVE SERVED US WELL
— WE APPRECIATE ALL OF
YOUR EFFORTS
AND WE THANK YOU!**

TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2001

October 2001

Number of Guild members recording hours in **October** — 44

Number of Guild hours recorded — **652.5**

Irma Modracek	141.50
Leo Modracek	124.50
Dolores Usher	42.00
Marilyn Tucker	28.00
Irma Rozek	24.75
Inez Popelka	20.00
Betty Petrzalek	15.00
Rose Kopecky	14.00
Laverne Fisher	13.50
Milly Ortner	13.50
Lavanda Woosley	12.00

November 2001

Number of Guild members recording hours in **November** — 36

Number of Guild hours recorded — **331.5**

Mana Zlatohlavek	28.00
Dolores Usher	24.50
Irma Rozek	19.25
Irma Modracek	16.00
Laverne Fisher	15.50
Marj NejdI	15.00
Alicia Jackson	14.00
Marjean Jungjohann	14.00
Leo Modracek	12.50
Charles Opatrny	12.50
John Cimburek	11.00
Betty Petrzalek	11.00
Shirley Alexander	10.50
Lillian Kopecky	10.50
Inez Popelka	10.50
Barb Pulkrab	10.50

December 2001

Number of Guild members recording hours in **December** — 37

Number of Guild hours recorded — **376.25**

Dolores Usher	45.00
Marj NejdI	25.00
Beula Dvorak	21.50
Lillian Kopecky	19.50
Irma Modracek	19.00
Leo Modracek	18.00
Alicia Jackson	14.00
Charles Opatrny	14.00
Mana Zlatohlavek	12.50
Irma Rozek	12.00
Inez Popelka	10.75



Kraslice, painted egg by Marj NejdI, Master Folk Artist

Resources Available to the Researcher . . .

At our Guild meeting of January 5, 2002, David Muhlena, librarian of the NCSML, presented a very informative talk that reflected his irrepressible enthusiasm for his work. The excellent information Dave passed along included a myriad of resources and collections of which many of us were unaware. He also gave us contact information, including the website of the Museum (www.ncsml.org) and his E-mail address ([dmuhlena@ncsml.org](mailto:dmuhlana@ncsml.org)).

Included in the library is literature dating back many years and a wealth of literature between 1875 - 1950 the height of development of this community. There are books

written in English, Czech or Slovak published both in the United States and abroad. He also has passenger lists of immigrants who came to America.

The library contains over 15,000 items on subjects such as politics, local history, literature, fine arts, architecture, folk arts and other various topics.

One of the standout collections is the one containing Czech and Slovak 78 rpm records, possibly the only collection of its type in the United States. Another is the collection of over 750 pieces of Czech or Slovak sheet music.

Dave is working toward getting all of the collections catalogued and making catalog records available online. Visitors can work or study in the library and are given assistance as needed.

Donated materials are welcome and are carefully scrutinized by the librarian before acceptance.

Contact Dave at _____ or at the E-mail address above if you have questions, and he will welcome your interest.

— Zula M. Oujiri

Credit for art work in
Czech & Slovak Kolaches & Sweet Treats

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Beula Dvorak

MEETING NOTICE

Saturday
February 2, 2002

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UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 2, 2002

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
‘Glass Magic’

presented by

Bob Schaffer, Czech Cottage

Meeting hosted by Melvin Holubar

and Emil Koval

MARCH 2, 2002

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
‘Family Customs in Slovakia’

presented by

Guild Member — Andrea Siebenmann

Meeting hosted by Patty Marolf

and Lavanda Woosley

April 6, 2002

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Program: To be announced



From the Board and membership of
The Museum Guild . . .

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

to the Family and Friends of Guild member

~ MARCUS L. ‘PAT’ PACE ~

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

We will all miss Pat.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library needs as many volunteers as possible. Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving.

Please contact Patty Hikiji today at 362-8500. Give a little of yourself, and get a lot in return!