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**National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
Guild Newsletter August-September-October 1998**

President's Message

Dear Guild Members,

What a wonderful summer the Guild has experienced. The evening meetings were a success again this year. And the trips to the country church and Shellsburg were also winning experiences.

Most of this year we have been collecting recipes. First it was mushrooms and dumplings and then it was all recipes for a SPECIAL Czech and Slovak cookbook from the Guild and the Museum. Thank you for your help in submitting mouthwatering recipes. Without each person's help it would not have been possible. We want to especially thank Beula Dvorak and Susan Uthoff for their leadership in these projects, also, their committee editors.

Now it is each members chance to help. At our October Meeting we are asking members to prepay for their copies of the new cookbook. This is a way we can make the best use of our dollars. By prepaying for enough cookbooks we can order the number it takes to make the greatest profit. Working together we not only have produced a great cookbook but we have managed the finances to be the most profitable.

Personally I have committed to buying six cookbooks. I have a copy ordered for myself for under the tree plus my daughters, mother, sister, and mother-in-law. This is the gift of the year. I recommend that you think through your holiday list and do likewise.

Sincerely,
Maridee Dugger



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VILLA COMAGENA

On Saturday, September 5, 1998, 54 members of The Museum Guild traveled to Villa Comagena in Benton County, Iowa for brunch and a presentation of Inge Schminke's program "From Austria With Love. "

We drove to Shellsburg and from there on out to the Schminke farm. At the front of the Austrian-style house there is a large V-shaped flower garden that starts at the beginning of the yard and encompasses almost the entire area in the front of the house. The house is white with brown board trim around the windows and doors, like one might see in Austria. I felt like I was in "The Sound of Music"!

We all went into her "conference center" which is a large two stall garage attached at one end of the house, complete with carpeting and air-conditioning. The chairs were set up theater-style, and all around the sides of the room there were built in benches (much like upholstered window seats). It was very nice and we were all very comfortable.

Inge introduced herself and gave a little introduction about her career. She explained that she named her business Villa Comagena, "Villa" meaning house and "Comagena" being the town in Austria where she was born. She then invited us into her home where she and her husband Oliver fussed over us and catered to our every need. We went through a "windowed" hallway and a "V"-shaped office, and on into the formal dining room. My husband Bob and I were seated at the dining room table. It was a lovely room—the table was covered with a lace table cloth, the chairs had "plump" white brocade upholstered seats and the room showcased Inge's precious Austrian treasures. Some of the members of the Guild were dining in adjoining rooms.

Each table had an arrangement of fresh flowers, and each place setting had a crystal water glass and a crystal cup for either hot tea or hot coffee. The pink and white paper napkins were pretty and were definitely "Austrian." Inge asked for our preference of teas and coffees; most of us at our table decided to "live on the edge" and selected Austrian coffee. Inge had told us that it would taste bitter compared to what we were used to, but we all enjoyed it. Each guest had a crystal plate filled with wonderful little delicacies to enjoy. We were served finger sandwiches of ham and braunsweiger (I love braunsweiger and haven't had any for years), a slice of cantaloupe, a sweet poppy seed quick bread, and a piece of delicious dessert (it was a pastry topped with sliced apples and cinnamon and then baked). That

was my favorite! We also had a wonderful chocolate layer cake or dessert with a wonderfully rich chocolate filling, and some other little delicacies. It was an exquisite dining experience.

Inge's home is filled with lovely antique pieces and Austrian art. Enjoying her home was a feast for the eyes. She is well known and has tour buses that come from all over. After dining we went back to the "theater" and she told us her story. She is an absolutely fabulous speaker. As a little girl, she was a refugee from Austria and her family settled in Canada. She met Oliver Schminke the same year that she got her bachelor's degree, and they married. She said, "I did pretty good, I got two bachelors in one year." She is 59 years old, and that statistic is very relevant in being able to tie her story together with World War II and her being a refugee. It seemed that all of us who heard her story felt as though we would never, ever complain again about anything. Her true story really makes one appreciate how fortunate we are to live here in America and to be free.

I for one enjoyed it when she would say "Now kids. . ." It has been a long time since I have been referred to as a "kid"—I'm sure there were others who also enjoyed being called a "kid" again!

We all had a youthful spring in our step after Inge did her magic on us! She spoke about how when she was growing up she always thought "mothers don't ever make mistakes", and how glad she is now that she is a mother, because "mothers don't make mistakes".

After her program most of us went into her gift shop. It was a wonderful Guild event and all of us who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.

Inge takes tours to Austria five times a year. Anyone who is looking for a fun, lighthearted experience would surely appreciate going on a tour with this warm, kind-spirited woman. If you would like to read more about Inge Schminke and see her recipes, check out the web at

<http://www.iowafarmer.com/cooks/Schminke1.htm>.or

<http://www.iowafarmer.com/cooks/Schminke2.htm>

Submitted by: *Marilyn R. Tucker*



Election of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers

Please be thinking about who you would like to have serve on the Guild Nominating Committee. The election of this committee will take place at the October 3rd meeting.

Also, think about who you would like to elect to serve on the Executive Board of the Guild. You will be electing your 1998 officers at the November 7th meeting. It is important that we think about this event before we come to the November 7th meeting.

The Guild Bylaws state: "No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office." The current officers and years served in their respective offices are:

Office	Name	Years Served in Current Office
President	Maridee Dugger	one
Vice President	Sylvia Rohlena	one
Recording Secretary	Betty Truesdell	one
Treasurer	Fern Fackler	one
Corresponding Secretary	Patty Marlof	one
Museum Guild Representative	Marge NejdI	*served remainder of Frank Edmunds 3 year term - election for this office will be held in Nov.

*Marge NejdI may be elected to serve a full 3-year term.



Guild Bylaws

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Guild shall be President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Museum Guild Representative to the Board of Directors of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, and any other officers the Guild shall deem necessary to achieve the goals of the Guild. These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws.

Section 2. At the meeting held in October, an Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the President, and a Nominating Committee shall be elected by the Guild. It shall be the duty of the Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be elected at the November meeting.

Section 3. The officers, with the exception of the Museum Guild Representative, shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for one year. The Museum Guild Representative shall be elected by secret ballot to serve for three years. The officers' terms of office shall begin at the January meeting. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee of three should be ELECTED by the vote of the membership one month prior to the election of Guild officers. Nominations are to be made from the floor by any Guild member. The Guild President is not eligible to serve on this committee.

DUTIES:

- a. Select a slate of one or more eligible candidates for each of the six Guild officers.
- b. Report the slate of candidates at the election meeting, and give a written copy of the slate to the presiding officer.



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	Marge Stone & Irma Kelly
Publications	Terri Spahn
Public Relations	Fran Johnson

MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES FOR 1998

March 7	June 8 *	September 5
April 4	July 13 *	October 3
May 2	August 10 *	November 7
	December 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: 5:30 p.m. at National Guardian office



Welcome New Members:

Marie Cada ...

Alice Kadlec ...

1998 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING HOSTESS

January 3
Maridee Dugger
Sylvia Rohlena

February 7
Barb & Frank Edmunds
Marj NejdI

March 7
Patti Marolf
Terri Spahn

April 4
Sr. Christine Elias
Anne Reif
Sr. Virginia Kremlacek

May 2
Mildred Chadima
Buela Dvorak
Fran Johnson

June 8
Martha Divishek & Lydia Elias
Irma Kelly
Rose Kopecky

July 13
Irma Modracek
Betty Petrzalek
Hermina Rigel

August 10
Fern Fackler
Lillian Kopecky
Milly Ortner

September 5
at Shellsburg

October 3
Patty Hikiji
Erma Rozek
Betty Truesdell

November 12
Bob & Marilyn Tucker
Mel Holubar

December 12
Bob & Marge Stone
Emil Kovel

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October 1998

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	³ Guild Meeting @ Hamilton Business College 9:30 AM
4	5 Kava a Knihy 7:00 PM	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Learn at Lunch 12:00 Noon	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Dozinky Stories & Tales
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 1998

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2 Kava a Knihy 7:00 PM	3	4	5	6	⁷ Guild Meeting @ Hamilton Business College 9:30 AM
8 Armchair Travelogue 2:00 PM	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Learn at Lunch 12:00 Noon	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Crafts for Kids 9:30 AM	28 Stories & Tales 10:00 AM
29	30					

October 5 Kava a Knihy
Reading-Lecture-discussion Series
The Cunning Little Vixen, by Rudolf Tesnohlídek
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ... Museum Library

October 14 Learn at Lunch "Stitching in the Ditch" Sokol Quilters, Sokol Sewing Circle
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM ... WFLA Heritage Hall
Bring your lunch and learn about the centuries-old needlecraft technique of hand-quilting. Find out what tools & supplies are needed for a project, what basic hand-quilting stitches and techniques are used.
Free to the public

October 24 Dozinky (Fall Event)

October 24 Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore
Children's Storytime
10:00 AM ... Museum Library
Free to the public

November 2 Kava a Knihy
Reading-Lecture-Discussion Series
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ... Museum Library

November 8 Armchair Travelogue
"Visiting the Czech & Slovak Republics with Mark"
Slide Presentation & Travel Forum. Mark Vasko Bigaouette, President of Heritage Tours, Inc.
2:00 PM ... WFLA Heritage Hall
See the Czech & Slovak Republics through the eyes of a seasoned traveler as Mark takes his audience to see the sights both on and off "the beaten path".
Free to the public

November 18 Learn at Lunch
"Bez Prace Nejsou Kolace"!!
Irma Kelly, Museum volunteer and kolac baker
12:00 Noon - 1: PM ... WFLA Heritage Hall
Free to the public

November 27 "Fun with Christmas Crafts"
Crafts workshop for children
Group A - ages 6-8

Group B - ages 9-12
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM ... WFLA Heritage Hall
Registration Fee: \$5.00
Preregistration required
Deadline for Reservations: November 20

November 28 Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore
Children's Storytime
10:00 AM ... Museum Library
Free to the public

December 2 Learn at Lunch
"Stained Glass & Delicate Lace"
Ray & Dorothy Snitil, crafts demonstrators
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM ... WFLA Heritage Hall
Bring your lunch and learn how pieces of colored glass and a soldering iron, and double stitches, rings, and picots can become beautiful ornaments to decorate your Christmas tree.
Free to the public

December 5 Sv. Mikulas
A celebration of Christmas customs and traditions
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
The Museum will be the setting for ethnic crafts demonstrations. A puppet theater performance will entertain young and old alike. All are invited to join in the singing of "Vanocni koledy" (Czech Christmas carols). Admission fee for puppet show.

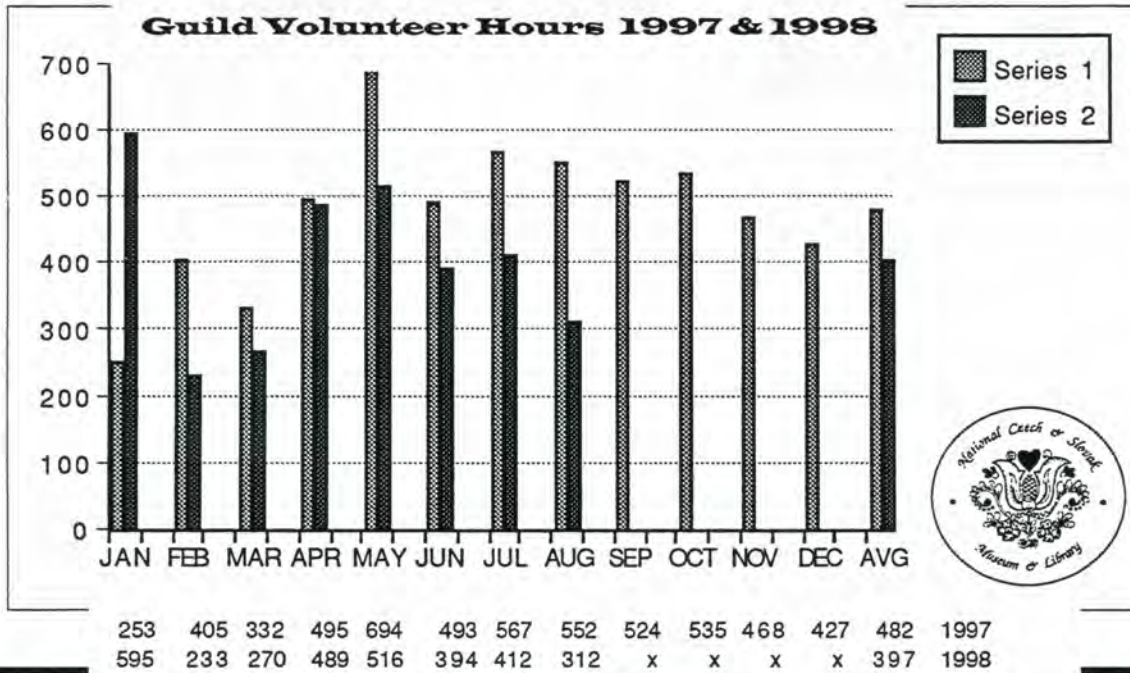
December 7 Kava a Knihy
Reading-lecture-discussion Series
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ... Museum Library

December 12 Stories, Tales, Legends, & Lore
Children's storytime
10:00 AM ... Museum Library
Free to the public



volunteer

today!



<p>MAY HOURS - 1998 53 volunteers recorded hours for a total of 515.75 hours.</p>	<p>JUNE HOURS - 1998 42 volunteers recorded hours for a total of 393.75 hours.</p>	<p>JULY HOURS - 1998 45 volunteers recorded hours for a total of 411.75 hours.</p>	<p>AUGUST HOURS - 1998 33 volunteers recorded hours for a total of 311.5 hours.</p>
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Top Ten Volunteers:

1. Dolores Usher 46.0
2. Zula Oujiri 23.25
3. Rose Kopecky 21.5
4. Frank Edmunds 21.0
4. Barb Edmunds 21.0
5. Mildred Chadima 20.5
6. Lydia Elias 20.0
7. Marj NejdI 19.5
8. Anne Reif 19.0
9. Inez Popelka 18.0
10. Irma Rozek 15.75

Top Ten Volunteers:

1. Erma Rozek 21.25
2. Dolores Usher 21.0
3. Terri Spahn 20.0
4. Anne Reif 19.75
5. Bob Stone 19.0
6. Irma Modracek 16.5
7. Marge Pace 14.5
8. Pat Pace 14.5
9. JoAnne Ferguson 13.5
10. Lenora Watson 12.0

Top Ten Volunteers:

1. Marj NejdI 29.0
2. Dolores Usher 27.0
3. Irma Rozek 24.25
4. Anne Reif 23.5
5. Marge Stone 19.0
6. Mick Chadima 17.5
7. Laverne Fisher 17.0
7. Barb Pulkrab 17.0
8. Bob Stone 15.0
8. Darlene Trachta 15.0
9. Inez Popelka 14.5
10. Hedy Benesh 14.0

Top Ten Volunteers:

1. Barb Pulkrab 32.5
2. Dolores Usher 25.0
3. Anne Reif 23.0
4. Irma&Leo Modracek 15.0
5. Inez Popelka 14.5
6. M.Chadima, M.Divishek, M.Ortner 14.0
7. Rose Kopecky 12.75
8. H.Benesh, L.Elias, I.Rozek 10.5
9. L.Fisher, Z.Oujiri 9.5
10. M.Nejdl, M.Webster, M. Zlatohlavek 8.0



Notes from Patty ...

The volunteer sign-up "calendar" seems to be working fairly well. We really appreciate those who make it a point to stop by and sign up when they have time available to volunteer, those who fill in their availability a month at a time, and those who check the calendar after their shift to see where we have holes in the scheduling and need some additional help. Remember your recorded hours are your "buying power" at the Volunteer Appreciation Soup Supper & Auction on Monday, November 9th. Also, it's not too soon to think about what you might want to donate to the auction. We'd like to have items by October 15th or notification of what you intend to bring in the case of baked goods.

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Terri L. Spahn, Editor ...

Betty Truesdell

Upcoming Meetings

October 3 ...
Alfons Mucha
Bob Stone

November 7 ...
Early Czech Music
Rollie Raim

December 12 ...
Surprise!

January 2 ...
Cherished Treasures

February 6 ...
1999 Museum
Library
David Muhlena

Be sure to mark your calendars and join us and enjoy our upcoming programs

cooking ... cooking ... cooking

