

THE GUILDED PAGE

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



Summer, 2013

Stefanie Kohn, Curator, gives volunteer Shirley Alexander a guided preview of *Faces of Freedom* permanent exhibit. Stefanie has been Curator at NCSML six years, and prior to this Stefanie was Collections Manager of NCSML. A Guild member, Stefanie is a graduate of Indiana University with a double major in Anthropology and Germanic Studies.

Faces of Freedom: Czech and Slovak Journey opens June 15; explores immigrants' pursuit of new life in America

Faces of Freedom: The Czech and Slovak Journey is the new permanent exhibit at National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Opened June 15, it features more than 7000 square feet of historic artifacts, interactive environments, immersive experiences, oral histories, and more. This extraordinary exhibit takes visitors through two World Wars, life under communism, and the pursuit of new beginnings in America.

An exclusive grand-opening event June 14 capped three years of preparation for the new exhibit. A dinner and program featured keynote speaker Captain Eugene A. Cernan, retired United States Navy officer and former NASA astronaut who is of Czech and Slovak heritage. A three-time veteran of missions in space, Cernan became the last person to walk on the moon when he served as Captain of Apollo 17 in 1972. A spectacular celebration!

In this permanent exhibit a re-created steamship helps tell the story of struggles and triumphs of immigrants, as does a replica of a watchtower on the border. Realistic and exciting says it all! Our visitors will enjoy this exhibit for years.

Ribbon cutting features Guild koláče, potica

A Guild fundraiser opening day of the new permanent exhibit featured sales of coffee, koláče, and potica (poppyseed and walnuts.) Held in Grand Hall prior to the 9:30 a.m. ribbon cutting and after, the event added some \$450 to the Guild treasury.

A highlight of the June 15 event, the festive treats were sold and served by Barb Hill and her committee of Anita Burke, Diane Moore, and Marla Nikodim. Helping were Bonnie Holubar, Laverne Fisher, Barb Pulkrab, and Marge Sedlacek. Koláče Club bakers were Cyndi O'Brien, Shally Garin, Shirley Alexander, Carol Wohlleben, Bonnie Rohlena, John and Sandra Hudson, and Mary Ann Kucera.





NCSML 'School Tour Season' held Spring and Fall: Expands to Summer programs, leadership experiences

"School tour season..." In the past school tours were held twice: once in the Fall and again in the Spring. It was expected and anticipated. Everything was in place and we were ready. My how things have changed...

School tour season is now year 'round. We're seeing students here nearly every month of the year. Last fall, they were primarily art students here to see the Mucha exhibition, though a smattering of second graders were in the mix, participating in the Bringing History Home curriculum. Over the winter season and through the spring months, more and more of the second graders came to visit, as teachers talk about the wonderful experience their students have here. And, let's not forget the middle school students studying world history. They are a new audience for us, and I hope we see more of them. This summer, we're going to be busy hosting day camps, leadership program participants, Scout groups, and many more youth groups.

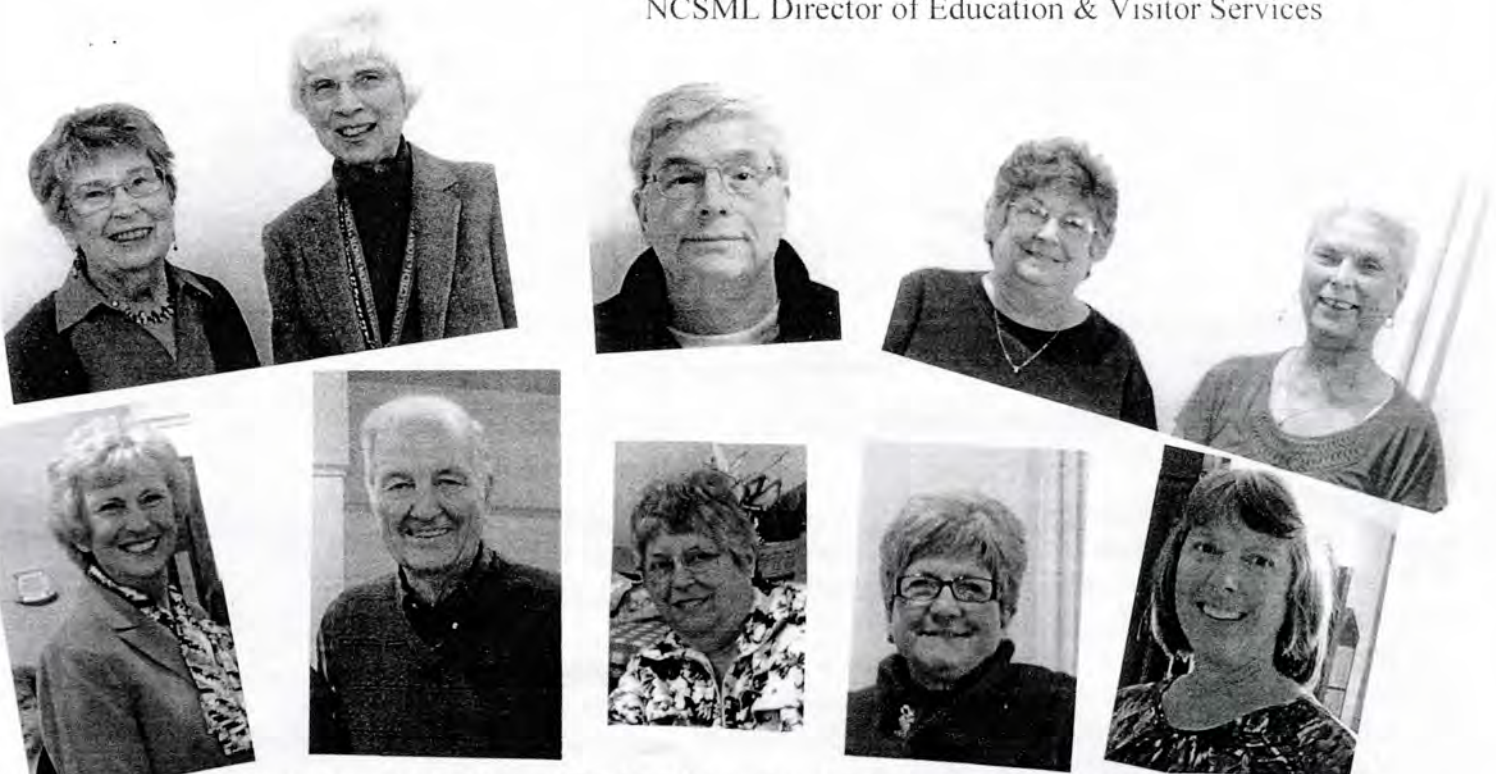
Accommodating anywhere from 10 - 75 students at a time takes a few extra hands. We've been fortunate to have several brave volunteers assist the education department with the development of several new tours, classroom activities, and experiences. It's always a relief to see them walk into Grand Hall, eager to show students the galleries, immigrant home, or lead them through the classroom activities.

Thank you to Bonnie Rohlena, Sylvia Popelka, Larry Kudej, Mel Holubar, Marge Sedlacek, Elaine Samek, Barb Hill, Shirley Alexander, Diane Moore, and Carol Wohlleben who have stepped forward and made themselves available to be part of the education team's efforts this year.

If you are interested in learning more, or becoming part of the team, please speak with Jan Stoffer, Jan@ncsml.org.

--Jan Stoffer

NCSML Director of Education & Visitor Services



Top, from left: Carol Wohlleben, Shirley Alexander, Larry Kudej, Diane Moore, Barb Hill.
Bottom: Bonnie Rohlena, Mel Holubar, Marge Sedlacek, Sylvia Popelka, Elaine Samek.

The President's Message

Diane Hayes, President

BE PROUD



While driving to Geneva, IL., recently I was enjoying all the newly-tilled fields, lime green new leaves on the trees, and the wonderful black, black soil of Iowa with rows of green crops peeking through. I drove by an old red barn which had been beautifully painted with replicas of Grant Wood's artwork. The cycle of life, land, and all its bounty has begun again!

One cannot help but think about where and how the Guild began to sprout not that many years ago (1993). We owe the 5 charter members a depth of gratitude for their seeds of desire to keep their heritage alive. To think how this organization has grown over the few years and the numerous accomplishments you have achieved and overcome is to be envied by all other organizations. Your results are a world class historical collection held within a one-of-a-kind beautiful building.

Let us not forget that the preparation, planting, weeding, and caring is never done. We can harvest but will always need our members to develop the seeds of ideas to plant and maintain the care of such. In the end The Guild of the NCSML has produced a product of unparalleled accomplishment and will always stand tall and proud of its history due to past and present members. What a legacy to pass on to future Guild members.

Diane Hayes,
The Guild of the NCSML President

West, TX, suffers disaster; Guild contributes to fund

West, Texas, suffered massive devastation April 17, 2013, when a fertilizer plant caught on fire and then exploded. The explosion leveled homes and businesses, killed at least 15 people, and injured more than 150.

To show support for this town of less than 3000 people, most of whom are of Czech heritage, members of the Czech community of Cedar Rapids took up a collection for the victims of the disaster.

Members of the Guild voted to contribute \$200 to this fund. Other contributors were CSA Lodge Prokop Velky, Federation of Czech Groups, Sokol Cedar Rapids, and numerous individuals. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the town of West and its inhabitants. The Czech community of Cedar Rapids wishes everyone a speedy recovery.

--Donna Merkle



Volunteer Appreciation

Helen Sorenson and Marilyn Tucker were among the volunteers celebrated at the Volunteer Luncheon April 13.

Abigail Ibisch, Volunteer and Program Coordinator, was assisted by Bonnie Rohlena and Jeanne Vogt, in staging a wonderful party.

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 February, 2013

980 hours

Diane Moore	60
Sheryl Gardner	54
Matt Faas	43.5
Carol Wohlleben	43.5
Diane Hayes	34
Pat Martin	34
Carolyn Holubar	33
Jackie Allen	32
Donna Merkle	29
John Hudson	25

Total Number of Volunteers: 58

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for March, 2013

840 hours

Diane Moore	51
Marj Nejd	37
Diane Hayes	37
Mary Ellen Krotz	32.5
Jessica Moser	30
Jackie Allen	28
Matt Faas	28
Sandra Hudson	25
Pat Martin	23.5
Sally Stejskal	22.3

Total Number of Volunteers: 57

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for April, 2013

779.25 hours

Mary Ellen Krotz	63.5
Diane Hayes	61
Diane Moore	56
Marj Nejd	45
Shirley Alexander	35.5
Carolyn Holubar	33.5
Donna Merkle	33.5
Mel Holubar	31.5
Suzanne Charipar	30
Sally Stejskal	26.5

Total Number of Volunteers: 50



Marge and Bob Stone have been invaluable to Guild educational programs since Guild's inception.

Abigail Ibisch

Volunteer and Program Coordinator

Dear Guild Members,

It's summertime and that means lots of exciting events and changes here at the museum. On May 17 and 18 we were honored to host Secretary Madeleine Albright and more than 800 visitors opening her exhibit, *Read My Pins*. Next we are preparing for the grand opening of our permanent exhibit *Faces of Freedom: The Czech and Slovak Journey*. On Friday, June 15 we will have a ribbon cutting and a day of activities and fun. We will need lots of volunteers to help in the new gallery. To help our volunteers learn about this exciting new exhibit we will hold two different trainings on June 5 at 2 p.m. and June 12 at 10 a.m. If you are a gallery attendant, please plan to attend one of these trainings.

In other news, we have made some changes to our volunteer program. After several months of work, a committee of volunteers and staff released a new volunteer handbook and presented it to the museum guild at the May meeting. The two biggest changes are the new Museum Ambassador Program and the online volunteer management system called *Volgistics*. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please contact me for more information. In the next few months, we will be working to implement these changes.

As always, if you have any questions about museum events and the volunteer program, please do not hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Abigail Ibisch

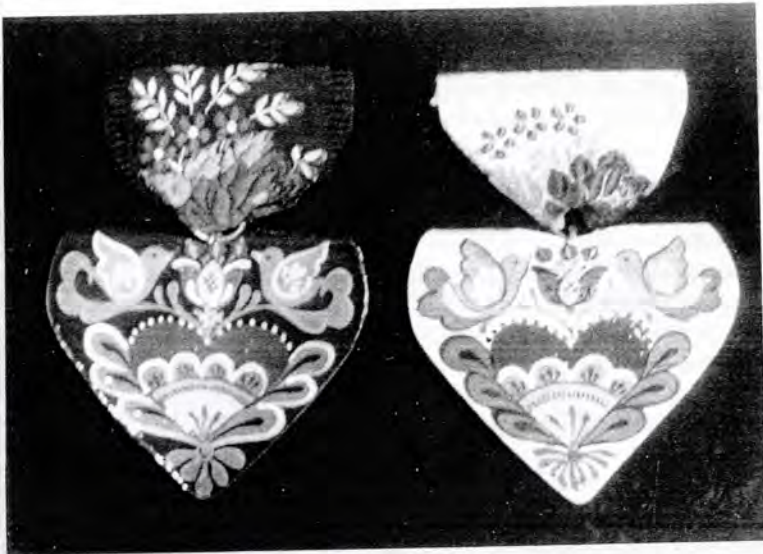


Education Question: Answer below

The first President of Czechoslovakia was Tomáš G. Masaryk. His wife was from Brooklyn, New York. He always called her "Charley." What was her name?

Answer: Her name was Charlotte.

Women's Breakfast with Madeleine Albright



The pin base is acrylic paint on copper. The traditional folk art represents Sec. Albright's heritage. The ribbon and pin, together, are fashioned as a medal, in honor of Madam Secretary.

Sec. Albright graciously signed and signed... copies of her book, *Read my Pins*, purchased at Museum Store.

More than 800 visitors participated in the opening of *Read My Pins*, an exhibit of more than 280 pins that made diplomatic history.

Some 243 breakfasted with Secretary Albright on May 18 and watched the presentation of the pin NCSML Guild gave Sec. Albright to commemorate her, personally, and her exhibit at NCSML.



Amazing pins for sale at NCSML Museum Store

More than 200 pins have been sold in Museum Store since *Read My Pins* exhibit opened in mid-May.

Each pin was selected in the style of those in the dazzling exhibit inspired by Sec. Albright's historical collection.

You will want a pin to recall our exhibit, and prices range from \$5 for a lapel pin to \$150 for a stunning Art Deco brooch, said Museum Store Manager Catharine Otto.

"We will introduce our exclusive chandelier brooch, designed in the style of the spectacular chandelier in Rozek Grand Hall, the end of July," Catharine said.



Catharine Otto and Marj NejdI, artists and Guild members, designed and fabricated the pin.

Minutes Of The March 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild Of The National Czech And Slovak Museum And Library met at the NCSML on Saturday March 2, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Donna Merkle led the Pledge Of Allegiance. There were 42 members present.

Program: The Investigative Committee regarding the Madeleine Albright Gift from the Guild gave a report to the membership on their findings. Sandra Hudson moved "that the Guild gift to Madeleine Albright will be a folk art pin created by Marj Nejd and Catharine Otto." The motion was adopted by 100% membership vote after debate. Sandra Hudson also moved "that the funding of the Madeleine Albright folk art pin will be drawn from the Guild treasury." This motion was also adopted by 100% vote by the membership. The pin will be presented to Madeleine at the event breakfast on May 18, 2013.

Gail Naughton added additional details concerning the week-end activities. All tickets for the Friday evening and Saturday Women's Brunch will be sold on a first come first serve basis. It will be discussed at next month's meeting regarding the purchasing of brunch tickets by the Guild Members for the two artists.

President's Report: Diane Hayes requested that from now on, when making a motion, the member stand, state their full name and state their motion clearly. She also noted that the treasurer's report does not have to be voted on. And that the board has decided bills that are presented to the treasurer, with receipts, and under \$150 do not have to be voted on. Also, the board has decided that checks written on the Guild's account that are under \$300 do not have to be cosigned by board members. The membership will receive a draft of the revised bylaws at the April meeting.

Vice President's Report: Donna Merkle thanked the membership for the free will donation to Svetluský in honor of Guenter Merkle.

Recording Secretary's Report: Diana Geoffrey distributed the Minutes from the February 2013 meeting. Abigail Ibsch made a motion to accept the Minutes as written. Minutes were approved with a 100% vote.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Loreen Svoboda read the top ten volunteer hour list for February. Diane Moore was number one with 60 hours.

Treasurer's Report: Betty Sheets distributed the Treasurer's Report for February. The ending balance was \$13,977.29.

Board Of Directors Representative Report: Carol Wohlleben stated that she gave the Guild's 2012 annual report to the NCSML Board of Directors at the February 26, 2013, meeting.

Education Committee: Jeanne Vogt reported that the Czech School Chili Supper will be March 9. The Czech

Heritage St. Joseph's Day Dance will be March 10. She handed out flyers for a Spring Concert on April 7 and a Spring Dinner Concert on April 18. And the St. Joseph's Day parade in Czech Village is March 23.

History Committee: Dave Stauffer asked for volunteers to assist him on the history committee. He also reported that Dave Muhlena has provided space in the library for Guild artifacts.

Membership Committee: Betty Sheets reported that 124 members have paid their 2013 dues. Please check the copy of the membership list and make any necessary corrections. Betty thanked Sally Stejskal, Sheryl Gardner, Pat Martin and Linda Koehler for all their work on updating the membership list. She stated that any members with unpaid dues by March 31 will be dropped from the membership list.

Program Committee: Donna Merkle reported the April program will be presented by Stefanie Kohn who will discuss the upcoming "Faces Of Freedom" exhibit.

Name Badge Committee: Donna Merkle said name badges are on hold until a new logo design is created.

Kitchen Committee: Carol Wohlleben and Gail Naughton met with the contractor and stove manufacturer. They made it clear that the present stove must be replaced. Gail will put pressure on them to get this done ASAP as the Museum and Guild have upcoming events that require a working stove.

Koláče Club: Cyndi O'Brien reported that the club made approximately \$158 on the last fundraiser. The club would like to sell koláče during the St. Joseph Day Parade and are planning to work out of the Kosek building. Also, the Museum is asking for koláče for the History and Culture Conference in April. And the group may also have a "Koláč and Coffee" offering at the Faces of Freedom opening in June. These events all depend on getting the new stove.

Public Relations Committee: Diane Hayes stated that Ed Popelka has agreed to chair Public Relations.

Survey Committee: Jeanne Vogt reported that the committee's report is incomplete at this time.

Volunteer Recognition: Abigail Ibsch asked for volunteers to help in the St. Joseph's Day Parade. She also reported that she is working with members Bonnie Rohlena and Jeanne Vogt on the upcoming "Volunteer Recognition Lunch" which will be April 13 at 11 am.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Valdosta Pecans donated by the Gardners, won by Bob Stone; Czech Pottery and hand towel donated by Andrea Siebenmann, won by Fran Hanzel Johnson; St. Patrick's glass and towel donated by Jeanne Vogt, won by Marge Sedlacek. Diane Hayes thanked Cyndi O'Brien, Barb and Frank Edmunds, Bonnie Holubar, Diane Moore and Amy Lyness for helping with the potluck. The next meeting is April 6, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Potluck followed the meeting.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary

2013 NCSML GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

	2012	AS OF 5/31/13
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,301.26	\$ 13,065.58
Receipts		
Dues	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 1,120.00
Cookbooks	\$ 3,604.00	\$ 50.00
Donations	\$ 90.00	\$ 105.00
Aprons	\$ 84.00	\$ -
Kolache Club	\$ 575.00	\$ 315.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 45.00
Taste of Czech/Slovak	\$ 2,276.00	\$ -
Special Events	\$ 1,768.15	\$ -
Cookie Walk	\$ 2,573.50	\$ -
Interest	\$ 2.35	\$ 0.59
Total Receipts	\$ 12,357.00	\$ 1,635.59
Disbursements		
Guided Page	\$ 757.49	\$ 310.70
Cookbook Expense		\$ -
NCSML	\$ 3,075.00	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 342.40	\$ 529.27
Kitchen Expense	\$ 787.37	\$ 335.88
Kolace Club	\$ 173.03	\$ 392.86
Taste of C/S Expenses	\$ 532.62	\$ -
Donations		\$ 225.00
Special Events	\$ 864.25	\$ 100.00
Cookie Walk Expenses	\$ 60.52	\$ -
Total Disbursements	\$ 6,592.68	\$ 1,893.71
Ending Balance	\$ 13,065.58	\$ 12,807.46
<i>Recap Museum Guild Fund Raising Projects</i>		
<i>Taste of Czech Net</i>	\$ 1,743.38	\$ -
<i>Special Events Net</i>	\$ 903.90	\$ -
<i>Kolache Club Net</i>	\$ 401.97	\$ (77.86)
<i>Cookie Walk Net</i>	\$ 2,548.98	\$ -
<i>NCSML Opening Day</i>	\$ 1,351.90	\$ -
<i>Ragbrai</i>	\$ 236.25	\$ -
<i>Members Currently Paid for 2013 - 142</i>		

NCSML Guild membership approves Bylaws changes at June meeting

Guild of the Museum recommended in 2012 that the Bylaws of the Guild be reviewed and adjusted to meet the current needs of operation as NCSML was remodeled and re-opened. Recommended changes were adopted at the June 1 Guild membership meeting. The pro vote was unanimous!

As background information, a committee was appointed to review and determine what changes/deletions, if any, were necessary and to create a revised document. More than 250 volunteer hours were devoted to study and rewriting.

One reason for the revision was to simplify Bylaws and remove several out-dated items as well as others that would normally be found in a Policy and Procedure Manual. Changes included duties of Executive committee, procedures involving financial transactions, some realignment of committees, and respective responsibilities and alignment with the NCSML operations.

All members of the Museum Guild were notified by mail that the By laws recommendations would be presented at the June 1 meeting, and to encourage members to be present to review them and vote.

The revised Bylaws were presented to the Guild members at that meeting, with the committee fielding questions. Now that Guild's revised Bylaws have membership approval, they will be presented to the NCSML Board of Directors. If approved, they will become effective Aug. 1, 2013.

--Carol Wohlleben, committee chair
 Diane Hayes
 John Hudson
 Bob Stone
 Wilfred Stone



Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Joan Sanders and Bob Hejkal were among the some 100 volunteers who enjoyed lunch, drawings for prizes, and a cake...at the April 13 function at NCSML.

Minutes Of The April 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday April 6, 2013 at 9:00 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Donna Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 51 members and one guest present.

Program: Museum curator Stefanie Kohn talked about the upcoming permanent exhibit "Faces of Freedom." It will open June 15, 2013, and run for 10-15 years. It will be immersive, interactive, and fun!

Presidents Report: Diane Hayes reported that Suzie Long has accepted the position of BrewNost 2013 chair and will be working with Kecia Boysen to make this event happen. The Cookie Walk will be co-chaired by Mary VanHouten and Marie Webster and will be held the same time as the Old Prague Christmas Market this year. The committee needs to come up with an additional event to utilize the hall after the Cookie Walk is finished. The Survey Committee should have results to report at the May meeting. The By Laws Committee will be presenting the updated by laws at the June meeting. These will need to be approved by a vote of the membership at that time. Technology- Diane Hayes thanked Betty Sheets, Pat Martin, Linda Koehler, Sheryl Gardner, Sally Stejskal and Abigail Ibisch for all their hard work in getting the membership information together for the new Volgistics system. In other business, Diane stated that emails going out to the membership need to be approved first by the president and or the executive board.

Board of Directors Report: Diane Hayes reported for Carol Wohlleben that the Board read and approved the updated by laws for the NCSML Board of Directors at their March 26, 2013, meeting.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey explained that Guild meeting Minutes will be emailed to members and copies will be available at the meetings. The March meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

Corresponding Secretary: Diana Geoffrey read a list of "Thank Yous" sent out by Loreen Svoboda during the month of March. Diana also explained the recording and reporting of volunteer hours. Volunteer hours must be logged no later than the ninth of the following month. Reports will be one month behind. Therefore there was no volunteer hours report this month.

Treasurer's Report: Sally Stejskal reported an ending balance for the month of March 2013 as \$13,776.50.

Membership: Sally Stejskal again thanked everyone who helped with the updated membership list. This updated list will be emailed to members and there were also copies available at the meeting. She reminded everyone that it is the members' responsibility to report any changes or corrections to their information as soon as possible.

Public Relations: Ed Popelka thanked the Guild for giving him the opportunity to chair this committee. The committee will work with the museum and Guild to publicize volunteer opportunities for the NCSML and its Guild.

Publications: Pat Martin asked Guild members for help to write stories and take pictures for the Guilded Page. Pat would like a story on gallery attendants and docents for the next issue.

Permanent Exhibit Opening Fundraiser: Barb Hill, committee chair, reported that the Guild will provide baked goods and coffee the morning of June 15, 2013, for the opening of the permanent exhibit. They will have sign-up sheets for this event at the May meeting.

History Committee: Dave Stauffer asked for photos or information that anyone would like to see as part of our history books. The committee's immediate goal is to finish the 2011 and 2012 history books.

Programs: Donna Merkle thanked Stefanie Kohn for today's program. She stated that Barb and Frank Edmonds will present a program on the history of The Czech National Cemetery for the May meeting.

Kitchen: Cyndi O'Brien along with Amy Lyness said that we will have a new convection oven within the next two weeks. They thanked Carol Wohlleben, Grant Smith, and Gail Naughton for their help.

Koláče Club: Cyndi O'Brien stated that the club has several baking opportunities for the months of April and May. She will send out an email with dates and times to club members.

Volunteer News: Abigail Ibisch reminded everyone about the volunteer recognition lunch on April 13. She reported that there will be a discount to Guild members for the upcoming History Conference. Survey- Abigail thanked museum staff and Guild members Sheryl Gardner, Sally Stejskal, and Linda Koehler for their work helping with the survey results. The plan is to add Guild information to the current NCSML website and a Facebook page will be developed. The volunteer handbook has been updated and will be presented at the May meeting. Abigail explained the system Volgistics. More information will be reported at the May meeting.

Houby Day Parade: Suzie Long asked about a Houby Day parade. Suzie suggested that we might want to send a representative from the Guild to the Czech Village Association meetings.

Meeting Attendance Lottery Donations: The following donated prizes for the attendance lottery. Marj Nejd, Diane Hayes, Jeanne Vogt, and Mary VanHouten. Next meeting is May 4, 2013. Adjournment at 10:30 am.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary



Most of us think of the Cold War in political or military terms, but those who lived through that period have other memories. At the recent History and Culture Conference, NCSML showcased the personal stories of individuals who experienced the Communist era in Czechoslovakia.

Some 65 conference attendees heard oral historians from the Czech Republic and United States present their work with political prisoners, Czech and Slovak émigrés, dissidents, and "the man on the street."

The Conference was held at NCSML April 26-27, with NCSML's oral history project the centerpiece of the weekend. A number of the 11 presenters had been interviewees for the project.



Dave Muhlena, NCSML Library Director and Robert Rehák, PhD, Second Secretary Cultural Attaché, Embassy of Czech Republic in Washington D.C....discuss impact, implications of oral history.



We LOVE a Parade!

Guild's "Marching Corps" was enjoyed by St. Joseph Day Parade enthusiasts who lined the streets in Czech Village March 23.

We encourage parades, as they dramatically spotlight enthusiasm and public interest in the Czech and Slovak cultures and our events.

Guild members in the photo include Diana Geoffrey, Don Pulkrab, Suzie Long, Betty Sheets, Leni Stastny, and Jennifer Greve.



Minutes Of The May 4 2013 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library met at the NCSML on Saturday May 4, 2013, at 9:00 am. President Diane Hayes called the meeting to order and Vice President Donna Merkle led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 45 members present.

Presentation of Survey Results: Jeanne Vogt and Diane Hayes read through the results of the Museum Guild survey that was taken on September 8, 2013. Concerns of respondents were addressed.

Revised Volunteer Handbook: Abigail Ibisch handed out the new Museum volunteer handbook and went over the new Museum volunteer training program. There will be training for exhibit volunteers before the opening of the new permanent exhibit and training on the Volgistics system later this summer.

President's Report: Diane Hayes recognized Jeanne Vogt, Bonnie Rohlena, and Abigail Ibisch for their hard work in putting the Volunteer Luncheon together. She also recognized Guild member Linda Koehler for receiving the Governor's Award for her volunteer work with St. Luke's hospital. Diane read a note from Guild member Beth DeBoom and Cynthia Hadish thanking Guild members for ideas to use in their Czech Heritage Garden. Diane reported that tickets were purchased for Marj Nejdil and Catharine Otto so they may attend the Madeleine Albright Women's breakfast as guests of Guild.

Diane Hayes listed some upcoming events: First Presbyterian Church of Ely will hold another Koláče Camp on July 13. The revised NCSML Guild bylaws will be presented and voted on at the June meeting. The July membership meeting will be held in NCSML theatre and August meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Ely.

Vice President: Donna Merkle mentioned the fertilizer plant explosion in West, TX, noting that this is a large Czech community. Barb Edmunds made a motion: To give a \$200 donation to the "Victims of West Explosion" from the Guild treasury. The motion passed with 100% vote by the membership.

Recording Secretary: Diana Geoffrey: April Minutes were approved as distributed..

Corresponding Secretary: Loreen Svoboda read the top ten volunteer's hours for March. A total of 37 volunteers contributed 840 hours in March. Diane Moore was first with 51 hours.

Loreen reported that she sent a get well card to Irene Hamous and a sympathy card to Diane Moore.

Treasurer's Report: Sally Stejskal reported that the ending balance for April was \$13,623.54.

Membership: Sally Stejskal reported that postcards announcing the bylaws vote at the upcoming June meeting were mailed and thanked Linda Koehler helping. Guild gained member during the Culture Conference.

Board of Directors Report: Carol Wohleben reported on the May 4, 2013, NCSML Board meeting. The Museum will receive a National Gold Medal on May 8, 2013, in Washington, D.C. There will be a live stream of the event in the Museum theatre at 12:30 pm that day. Carol also told Guild members that she will be giving a quarterly Guild report to the Board of Directors.

Madeleine Albright Pin: Marj Nejdil and Catharine Otto reported that they have produced two pins along with a hand painted box to store them in. They are a heart shape made of copper and will be hung from Czech ribbon. The two artists will be choosing one of the pins to present to Ms. Albright. The pins were on display at this meeting and will be displayed in the Museum Store before the presentation on May 18, 2013.

Faces of Freedom: Marla Nikodim told the membership that the committee will have a "welcoming table" in Grand Hall during the exhibit opening and will be serving coffee, juice, kolace and another pastry.

Kitchen Committee: Carol Wohleben reported that the new oven is in place and that she and Cyndi O'Brien successfully tested it on May 3, 2013. Carol recognized Grant Smith from the Museum staff for all his work in getting the old oven replaced.

Koláče Club: Cyndi O'Brien stated that Amy Lyness from the Museum staff will take care of any kolace needs for the month of May. The Koláče Club will have training on the new oven sometime before their next function. She also mentioned that Carol, Cyndi, Sylvia Popelka, and Bonnie Rohlena made some revisions to the original koláče recipe.

Small Groups: Diane Hayes said that there would be sign-up sheets after the meeting for anyone interested in being involved in small group activities.

Meeting Attendance Lottery Donations: The following people donated items for the attendance lottery. Jan Gadzo, Barb and Frank Edmunds, Patty Thacker, and Jeanne Vogt. The next meeting is June 1, 2013. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Diana Geoffrey
Recording Secretary



Volgistics: Online Volunteer Management

Abigail Ibisch, Volunteer and Program Coordinator

This month the NCSML began using a new online volunteer management program called Volgistics. This software represents a huge step forward for the volunteer program. It will make volunteer management much simpler, allow the volunteer program to reach a much wider audience, and give volunteers another connection to the museum. Increasingly volunteer programs are turning to the internet to communicate and organize their volunteers. Volgistics is at the forefront of the movement representing 3000 organizations with over 3 million volunteers.

There are several benefits which will apply directly to the NCSML. This program will allow museum and museum guild administrators to communicate directly and effectively manage a large and growing group of volunteers. It will also give volunteers the ability to manage their contact information, check their schedule, enter their hours, and sign up for open shifts. In addition it works as a recruiting tool allowing people to view open positions and fill out a volunteer application online.

However, while this is a very exciting development, we do recognize that there are a significant number of people who will continue to use our standard procedures to report hours and sign-up for shifts. The museum staff is working with several volunteers to take steps to integrate the two systems so that those who are uncomfortable with Volgistics will still feel welcome at the museum.

If you are interested in using Volgistics or you have any questions about the program, please contact Abigail Ibisch at aibisch@ncsml.org or at (319) 362-8500 ext. 111. Your username will be your email address. You will receive an email with a password at that email address.

On July 12 at 10 am, training courses will be held to teach volunteers how to use Volgistics. Until then, if you would like to know more, please visit <http://www.volgistics.com/videos/HT1147.htm>.

To log into Volgistics:

1. Type <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/?FROM=87630> into your web browser
2. Enter your username (your email address) and your password (contained in the email)
3. Click log in

THE GUILDED PAGE

Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m.

At NCSML--Theater

Program: Czech National Cemetery

Join the excitement. Be there!

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

12

When: Saturday, August 3

Where: Ely Presbyterian Church
1110 Spanish Road, Ely

How: Carpooling available!

Meet at 9 a.m. on corner lot of
16th Ave. and Inspiration Place S.W.
9:10 a.m. departure for Ely
Meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Program: History of the Ely Presbyterian
Church in this Czech Settlement.

Guided Page Staff

Editor... Pat Martin

Photographers...Carolyn Holubar
and John Hudson

*Call one of us with story/photo
ideas or suggestions!*



Kosek Building Now Houses Welcome Center

Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) now occupies office/resource space in the Kosek Building in Czech Village. NCSML leased the space to CVB, and visitors will be able to tour the *Rising Above: The Story of a People and a Flood* exhibition there at no charge, courtesy of NCSML.