

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'M BACK...

How honored I am to be selected your NCSML Guild President. I am enjoying the challenges of helping our organization with the important mission of supporting our National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. It is exciting to help members plan the staging of our 10th annual Taste of Czech & Slovak, which will kick off Houby Days May 15. It is important to be involved in the recovery of our Museum and Czech Village. Thank you for your confidence. I am on an upward learning curve with our Guild, but my enthusiasm has never been higher.

Some 30 years ago, before there was NCSML, I was the first Czech Village Coordinator. I was hired by Czech Village Association in the fall of 1977. There already was a Czech Village Festival in September, and we held our first Houby Days "the weekend after Mother's Day" in May, 1978. We began to build a Village and concentrated fervently on building a Czech Museum. After eight years as Coordinator, I re-entered the field of public school education. I spent 20 years at Metro High School, and when I retired I joined the Guild and also re-forged friendships with Village merchants and guild members who were pioneers in Czech community efforts 30 years ago.

At our February membership meeting, it was *deja vu*, meeting with George Joens (who was Czech Heritage Foundation President when I was hired), Bob Schaffer (who was President of Czech Fine Arts, the organization that preceded the Museum), Al Zindrick, and others. And in the Guild I am working again with current Guild members who were pioneers in Czech culture promotion 30 years ago. I want to acknowledge them.

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\***Marj NejdI**, who first "went public" with her egg artistry in 1971, during a Festival of Fine Arts, held at the Cedar Rapids Art Center.

\***Irma Kelly**, who baked kolache for the first Houby Days with St. Ludmila baking crew.

\***Marge Pace**, who helped with Marj NejdI's booth during festivals...and both of their husbands tirelessly worked in



the breakfast tents or bingo.

\***Bob and Marge Stone**, "in the trenches" during all festivals, with Czech Heritage or Czech Fine Arts booths...

\*Two of your founders, **Mae Novotny and Evelyn Lamparek**, and their husbands, Frank and Emil (who played the accordion for events.)

\***Patty Hikiji**, who has promoted the museum for at least 32 years...Also the Ergers, with **Ken associated with Slavia Agencies along with Ray Snitil**.

\***Fern Fackler**, and her mom, Leona Kaplan, and sister Shirley, helped me with The Czech Book recipe gathering. **Vera Conway** was an important presence then, as was **Olga Drahozal** and the Czech Plus Band. Gene Kadlec, husband of member **Bev**, was a member of Czech Village Association. Likewise, **Jessie Stastny's** family were Czech Village Association stalwarts! Jessie owned The Czech Closet and Village Upholstery and made all of the costumes merchants wore during those early years. **Bette Krall** and **Milly Ortner** were working to promote Czech Heritage, and ...**Barb Pulkrab and Marj NejdI** were both deftly performing with Beseda Dancers.

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And there are others, all molding some of our history. Here we are again, facing more great challenges. You and me. Let's roll up our sleeves and proceed to recover from the Flood of 2008 and once again celebrate your historical and cultural roots.

Pat Martin,
President, NCSML Guild





2009 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Pat Martin
Vice President	Gary Dvorak
Treasurer	Alicia Jackson
Rec. Secretary	Carolyn Holubar
Corres. Secretary	Shirley Alexander
Museum Guild Rep.	Mel Holubar
Ex-Officio	Marilyn R. Tucker

WELCOME ~ NEW MEMBERS

Olga Jung

Taylor J. Miller

Vicky Mussman

e-mail address:

Helane Golden

GET WELL WISHES

To Irma Kelly who has been ill since December. (Irma, we miss you, hurry back!)

To any other Guild Members who may be ill that we don't know about.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Marilyn Shima Tucker, Editor
 Delores Blood, Fern Kaplan Fackler, Alicia Jackson, Joe Kurka, Pat Martin, Helen Sorensen and Dorothy Voelkers

MUSEUM GUILD ROPERTIES

Please help us locate Guild properties. If you have information as to what the Guild owns and where it is located please advise Gary Dvorak, Guild Vice President.

The following is a partial list . . . we need your help to complete the inventory.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Kuba Silver Tea Service	Fern Fackler (at Iowa Radio & Supply)
Christmas Plates (2 Joanne Neff	Shirley Alexander home
268 Guild Cookbooks	" "
5-8 Guild Aprons (\$10 each)	" "
Tea Towels	" "
222 Guild Cookbooks	Irma Kelly Home
222 Guild Cookbooks	Pat Kent Home
Houby Day Parade flowers, "Join the Museum Guild" Sign and Parade Materials	Mel and Carolyn Holubar Home
Banner "Save the Museum" President's Supplies	Pat Martin Home

CONGRATULATIONS!

Barb Pulkrab has been named to the

2009 HALL OF FAME
 Jefferson High School
 Booster Club

Congratulations Barb! We are proud of you!

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National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Guild Programs ~ 2009 ~

March 7, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ NCSML at Lindale
“History of Cedar Rapids Grocery Stores”
Presented by Mark Stoffer Hunter

April 4, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ NCSML at Lindale
“Museum Update”
Presented by Stephanie Kohn

May 2, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
“Introduction to New Exhibit”
Presented by Jan Stoffer

June 6, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
“Czech and Slovak Weddings”
Presented by Andrea Seibenmann

July 11, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
“My Experiences as Iowa Czech and Slovak Princess”
Presented by Samantha Hubler

August 1, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ Hus Memorial Church
“Cook Out”

September 12, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
“Restoration of Woodrow Wilson Train Station in Prague”
Presented by Gail Naughton, President/CEO of NCSML

October 3, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ Location TBA
“Svetluský Group/Dance, Vocal and Instrumental”
Presented by Donna Merkle

November 7, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
“Favorite Books of Kava a Knihy Book Club”
Presented by Patty Hikiji

December 12, Saturday: ~ location TBA
“Cookie Walk”

January 2, 2010, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA

February 6, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA

March 6, Saturday: 9:00 AM ~ location TBA
All months are subject to change

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Jessie Stastny, Chairman, Helene Golden and Marge Stone

NCSML Guild Working Committees in 2009

Education Committee

Chair: Bob Stone
Emil Koval
Charles Opatrny

Fundraising Committee

Chair: Irma Kelly

Garden Committee

Chair: Cindy Monroe
Mel Holubar
Carolyn Holubar
Bonnie Holubar
Ron Holubar
Olga Sedenka
Emil Koval

History and Property Committee

Chair: Andrea Seibenmann

Membership Committee

Co-Chairs: Milly Ortner and Dorothy Voelkers
Betty Gallagher
Marge Pace
Barb Pulkrab
Olga Sedenka

NCSML Public Programs

Program Committee

Chair: Jessie Stastny
Helene Golden
Marge Stone

Publications Committee

Chair: Marilyn Tucker
Delores Blood, Fern Kaplan Fackler, Alicia Jackson, Joe Kurka, Pat Martin, Helen Sorensen, Dorothy Voelkers

Public Relations Committee

Chair: Leah Wilson

Social Committee

Chair: Irma Kelly
Lydia Elias
Karen Hospodarsky
Lu Volsch

Website Director

Dave Muhlena

2008 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

NCSML MUSEUM GUILD - TREASURER'S REPORT													Annual
Receipts and Disbursements													Total
2008	Jan.	Feb.	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	To Date
Beg. Bal.	3,815.99	4,923.39	3,609.80	3,988.24	3,954.71	7,401.32	6,253.04	5,457.31	6,952.79	5,101.22	2,074.45	2,281.19	3,815.99
Receipts													
Dues	290.00	180.00	60.00	20.00	40.00			5.00		20.00	120.00	40.00	775.00
Cookbooks	176.00	25.00	316.00		225.00		125.00	729.00	50.00		325.00	600.00	2,571.00
Cookbooks (shipping)	8.00							8.00	8.00		58.00	43.00	125.00
Donations					506.00							55.00	561.00
Aprons					10.00						20.00		30.00
Interest	4.09	3.89	2.44	2.47	3.21	4.73	4.27	4.28	4.45	3.23	0.40	0.56	38.02
Cbks-paymt.from NCSML	704.34				894.40			447.20					2,045.94
Taste of Czech & Slovak					1,633.00								1,633.00
Taste of Cz. Donations				30.00	135.00		75.00						240.00
Cookie Walk Donations	46.00										15.00	205.00	266.00
Cookie Walk												1,183.50	1,183.50
Guild bazaar								11,261.70	30.00	90.00		50.00	11,431.70
Total Receipts	1,228.43	208.89	378.44	52.47	3,446.61	4.73	204.27	12,455.18	92.45	113.23	538.40	2,177.06	20,900.16
Disbursements													
Cookie Walk Supplies	23.93												23.93
Cookbooks (shipping)		22.48									56.61		79.09
Memory Book											12.49		12.49
Newsletter	55.20			44.00							173.11		272.31
Newsletter (postage)	41.90			41.00							74.45		157.35
Supplies-Taste of Cz.						94.78							94.78
NCSML Exhibit Pledge		1,500.00							1,500.00				3,000.00
Meeting Supplies				1.00									1.00
Houby Days (float)						58.23							58.23
NCSML (undes.op.exp.)						1,000.00	1,000.00						2,000.00
Store Sales - Bazaar								307.50					307.50
NCSML-Bazaar								10,652.20	330.00	90.00			11,072.20
Bazaar Supplies								64.02					64.02
Hus Mem. Hall rent								50.00	50.00				100.00
NCSML-Store Splys.										3,000.00			3,000.00
Refund-Ck Bk shipping											15.00		15.00
Total Disbursements	121.03	1,522.48	0.00	86.00	0.00	1,153.01	1,000.00	10,959.70	1,944.02	3,140.00	331.66	0.00	20,257.90
Ending Balance	4,923.39	3,609.80	3,988.24	3,954.71	7,401.32	6,253.04	5,457.31	6,952.79	5,101.22	2,074.45	2,281.19	4,458.25	4,458.25

**MUSEUM GUILD OF
THE NATIONAL CZECH & SLOVAK MUSEUM & LIBRARY
Annual Report
January 26, 2009**

It is my pleasure and honor to give the Museum Guild Report to the Board of Directors and members of The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library at the Annual Meeting.

The Museum Guild was founded in 1994 by Patricia Hikiji, Evelyn Lamparek, Mae Novotny, Sylvia Rohlena and Marge Stone. Each year the Guild has endeavored to carry out the purpose our founders envisioned.

The purpose can be summed up as stated in the Mission Statement. *The Mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support and to serve as an educational service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.*

The Guild started the year of 2008 with high hopes and great anticipation. In May the Museum Guild had its first entry in the Annual Houby Days Parade. Mel Holubar chaired this function and it was a great success.

That same weekend the Museum Guild hosted our Eighth Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak which was held in Heritage Hall. There were 224 tickets sold to this event with an income of \$1,768.00; \$1,633.00 in ticket sales and \$135.00 in donations.

The summer of 2008 brought our community, and our Museum some unexpected challenges. The flood of 2008 was devastating and inspired Guild members to even higher levels of volunteering. We organized an event, "Save The Museum" which was a bazaar and we had something for everyone . . . Kolache and Bakery, Brats and Sauerkraut, Music by Leonard Reyman and his band, a farmer's market, Museum Gift Store Items, Handcrafted Items, a wonderful Silent Auction and of course our cookbook "Czech and Slovak Heritage...Family Stories...Traditions and Recipes" was for sale. The total income was \$11,261.70 from the Bazaar.

In the year 2008 . . . our total cash disbursements to the Museum was \$19,072.20 which consisted of
\$11,072.20 - "Save the Museum" Bazaar
3,000.00 - for Equipment and Supplies
3,000.00 - final payment on pledge of 2003 for Exhibit Fund
2,000.00 - undesignated for operating expenses

In addition 63 of our 90 members volunteered 6,090.75 hours. If one were to translate this into a monetary benefit, 6,090.75 hours times only the minimum wage of 7.25 = \$ 44,157.93, by adding to that the \$19,072.20 it brings the Museum Guild's contribution to the Museum \$ 63,230.13.

Our most recent fund raising event was our Annual Cookie Walk in December. Our income from that event was \$1,449.50.

The Museum Guild also serves as an educational service and social organization for persons interested in the NCSML. We have monthly meetings, usually the first Saturday morning of each month, at which we have a variety of speakers on our culture, our community and other subjects of interest. At these meetings we conduct our business, have refreshments and also a door prize; our member Czech Artist Marj Nejdil has donated the decorated gifts for most of these meetings.

The Museum Guild owes its success to the foresight of our founders, to the efforts of the many members who have volunteered in the past, and to the many dedicated Guild members who are currently working to assist the Museum in any way that we can. On a personal note I would like to say that I treasure my membership in the Guild. It has been the vehicle for me to connect with my Czech culture and make some of the most wonderful friends that I have ever had. Also, it needs to be said . . . Gail Naughton is a superb leader and treats us all with great respect and appreciation.

Pat Martin was elected 2009 President of the Museum Guild and she has some exciting ideas and we are all so pleased that she is our president. **OUR BEST DAYS ARE AHEAD OF US!**

Marilyn R. Tucker,
2008 NCSML Guild President

NCSML MUSEUM GUILD
2009 Budget

6 ~ SPRING 2009

	Proposed 2009	Actual 2008	Actual 2007	Actual 2006	Actual 2005	Four year Average
Dues	1,000	775.00	1,045.00	1,310.00	950.00	1,040.82
Donations		561.00	464.00	355.00	50.00	364.80
Cook Books (245)	6,125	2,571.00	10,069.00			
Cookbooks (shipping)	80	125.00	352.95			
Cookbooks (NCSML) (90)	1,000	2,045.94	5,925.40			
Taste of Czech	1,600	1,633.00	1,241.00	1,435.80	1,233.00	1,413.98
Taste of Czech Donations	200	240.00	205.00			113.52
Cookie Walk	1,000	1,183.50	913.50	1,204.50	1,301.50	1,174.23
Cookie Walk donations	200	266.00	140.00			103.57
Guild Bazaar		11,431.70				
Decorative Plates				300.00		
Aprons		30.00	40.00	40.00	50.00	40.82
Old Cook Books					120.00	
Czech Heritage loan			3,000.00			
Bank Seed Money				250.00		
Interest	25	38.02	152.93	114.10	87.38	100.11
Total Receipts	11,230	20,900.16	23,548.78	5,009.40	3,791.88	
Cookbooks			21,743.28			
Cookbooks (shipping)	80	79.09	256.40			
Cookbooks (misc.)			82.78			
Taste of Czech-supplies	200	94.78	85.74		40.43	
Cookie Walk Supplies	25	23.93	23.99			
Food for Houby Days			37.88			
Houby Days float	60	58.23				
NCSML Bazaar		11,072.20				
Store Sales Bazaar		307.50				
Bazaar Supplies		64.02				
NCSML Store supplies		3,000.00				
Newsletter	320	272.31	145.85	436.53	421.50	325.56
Newsletter (postage)	130	157.35	122.98			71.51
Programs			75.00	50.00	175.00	76.53
Hus Memorial Hall rent		100.00				
Refunds		15.00				
Museum Exhibit		3,000.00				
Museum Operating		2,000.00				
Museum Endowment				1,575.00	1,550.00	
NCSML gift			750.00			191.33
Aprons Purchased				144.00		
Fall Dinner				40.00	40.00	
NCSML - Typewriter				519.99		
Supplies-meeting & misc		1.00	5.21			1.58
Postage & Cards	30		28.20		57.58	21.88
Printed Checks			14.71			3.75
Memory Book		12.49	20.80			8.49
Reimb Member dues			10.00			
Miscellaneous			22.00	23.91	156.36	51.60
Czech Heritage Loan Pay't			3,000.00			
Bank Seed Money				250.00		
Copyrights-total			328.35			
Total Disbursements	845	20,257.90	26,753.17	273.91	156.36	
CASH RECONCILLIATION						
Beginning cash balance	4,458	3,815.99	7,020.38	5,275.76	3,924.75	
Receipts	11,230	20,900.16	23,548.78	5,009.40	3,791.88	
Disbursements	(845)	(20,257.90)	(26,753.17)	(3,264.78)	(156.36)	
Ending cash balance	14,843	4,458.25	3,815.99	7,020.38	7,560.27	



The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the Hus Memorial Presbyterian Church on October 4, 2008.

Marilyn Tucker, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Dvorak, Vice President. There were 27 members in attendance.

Program. Pat Martin introduced our speaker, Barb Feller, Director of the "Granger House" in Marion, Iowa.

Refreshments. A Halloween Theme was presented by Evelyn Dvorak, Gary Dvorak and Fern Fackler featuring a selection of blueberry, pumpkin, banana breads, sugar cookies, almonds and coffee. Vicky Mussman assisted with serving.

New Members. Vicky Mussman has returned to the NCSML Guild as a new member.

Marilyn Tucker introduced the members of the NCSML Guild board.

The Nominating Committee was elected: Betty Gallagher (chairman), Barb Pulkrab and Mel Holubar.

The Audit Committee was appointed: Alicia Jackson (chairman), Irene Konecny and Leni Stastny.

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary. Carolyn Holubar. The Sept. 06, 2008 minutes were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary. Shirley Alexander. A thank you note was sent to Olga Jung for representing our cook books. A note of concern was sent to Marie Cada, and five cook books were sent to the Tabasco Cook Book Contest by Ann Kloubec.

Treasurer. Pat Kent. Ending balance for September is \$5096.77.

Museum Guild Representative. Mel Holubar. Gary Dvorak moved that we give \$3000.00 to the NCSML to furnish a CD player for the store, also coffee pots (12 cup and a 30 cup), and possibly a micro wave for the store; the rest undesignated for equipment and supplies as needed for the museum store. Seconded by Milly Ortner. Motion carried.

Mel also stated there will be a strategic planning session on October 15th and October 16th.

Visqueen barrier will be placed in the museum building between the sanitized and non-sanitized areas.

If a levee is proposed, it will not be erected before 10 years or so. Also, there is not room for a flood wall between the river and the museum building.

Volunteer Coordinator Report. Patty Hikiji. Number of Guild members recording hours in September - 32.

Number of Guild hours recorded - 306.25

Top Ten List of hours are 31.00 to 8.00.

The UpBeat! Concert will be October 11th on the Coe College campus. October 18th will be Babi's Kitchen cooking demonstrations, at the Hy-Vee Food Store at 5050 Edgewood Road NE. Joyce Netolicky and Zelda

De Hoedt, will be preparing the filling for klobasy.

Marie Cada will make cookies with her granddaughters Andrea and Marissa. The BrewNost recipe contest winner, Bill Pierce, will demonstrate his prize-winning "Shakespeare Stout Sweet Potato Pancakes." There will be limited seating.

The Museum Educators from the various institutions in Cedar Rapids are holding a Teacher Resource Fair on October 22nd at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

Thursday evening, October 30th, Czech pianist, Radoslav Kvapil, will present a benefit concert at 8:00 PM at the Scottish Rite Building at 616 A Street NE. Tickets are \$20.00. A reception will follow the concert, hosted by the Museum Guild.

Looking ahead, the Museum will have an interim site at Lindale Mall. The space we have will allow us to open a Museum Store, have a small exhibit, and some programming and office space. We will be needing store clerks and gallery attendants once again.

We will be open on Mall hours. The projected date for our Grand Opening will be Friday, October 24th.

Committee Reports.

Education. Jan Stoffer said there will be continued education for all the volunteers. Skogman has donated all the carpeting. The exhibit cases have also been donated for our new location at the Mall.

There is a "Flood Exhibit" at the Museum of Art.

History and Properties. Andrea Siebenmann. A picture of the NCSML Guild Board was taken.

Andrea Siebenmann said the Prime Minister from the Czech Republic, Mirek Topolanek, and his staff, will be coming, possibly around 10-29-08.

Membership. Milly Ortner. Dues for Judy Antone were received from Arlene Dayhoff.

Program. Pat Martin said the next program will feature Jan Stoffer.

New Business. Betty Gallagher made a motion for a special edition of our Guilded Page Newsletter, "Save the Museum" to be printed in color. Seconded by Barb Pulkrab. Motion carried.

There was a discussion concerning home made cookies by members of the Guild, or should we purchase store cookies for "Special Occasions"? Most members thought we should continue to have the Guild members bake cookies for those occasions.

Please pick-up your Guilded Page Newsletter today, the other members will have them mailed to them.

Our next meeting will be Nov. 1, 2008 at Lindale Mall.

Door Prize. A generous plate of sugar cookies, decorated as pumpkins, donated by Gary Dvorak, was won by Ed Volsch.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar
Recording Secretary



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Marilyn Tucker, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Dvorak, Vice President. There were 33 members in attendance.

Welcome and Introductions. Ginger Erger and Ken Erger attended this meeting as new volunteers. We were all delighted to have Leo Modracek join us today.

Program. Helene Golden introduced Jan Stoffer, presenting "New Operations at NCSML at Lindale." She stated that we are at an interim location. Shirley Rosencrans and Pat Kent will be sharing an office here, Patty Hikiji will have her office here, and Stephanie Kohn will also be located here.

Three part-time ladies have been hired:

Susan Sokolsky will be assisting Gail Naughton.

Carrie Kriz will work in the store on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sonya Darrow will be working in the store on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays.

Refreshments. A Thanksgiving Theme was presented by Emil Koval, Mel and Carolyn Holubar. The selections were pumpkin bars, peanut butter cookies, macadamia nut cookies, cream puffs, nuts, candies, juice and coffee.

Czech & Slovak Vocabulary. Bob Stone.

	English	Czech	Slovak (tyuh)
	To be	Byt(I)	Byt'
Compare	(Apartment	Byt	Byt)
	Is	je(jest)	je

Example English: "To be or not to be, that is the question."

Czech: "Byt či nebyt, to je otázka."^(S)
Slovak: "ByTalebo nebyt' to je otázka."^(S)

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary. Carolyn Holubar. The October 4, 2008 minutes were approved as read.

Corresponding Secretary. Shirley Alexander. A Get-Well card was signed by all the members for Marie Webster.

Treasurer. Pat Kent. Ending balance for October is \$2071.22.

Expenses: Summer Newsletter \$101.06. Autumn Newsletter \$114.05. Cook book shipping \$56.61, and a history book \$12.49.

Dorothy Voelkers moved to pay these expenses, 2nd by Milly Ortner. Motion carried.

Museum Representative. Mel Holubar. Mentioned that the flood wall will now be between the Museum and the river. On October 15th and 16th, the board members and museum staff met at the WFLA from 8:00 AM until noon. *The meeting was called "Strategic Thinking in a non-profit Organization."*

Mary Case from Washington D.C. was here as a consultant, leader and listener.

Volunteer Coordinator Report. Patty Hikiji does not have her computer at this location yet.

Committee Reports:

Education. Jan Stoffer. We will need more help with students guiding them through the exhibits starting in spring.

Fund Raising. Irma Kelly. The sign-in sheet for baking cookies/candy for the Cookie Walk is being passed around. Please try to double the recipe. If you do not sign the sheet, you will be called by the calling committee. The price for the cookies will be \$7.00 per pound, 2nd by Pat Kent. Motion carried. Please bring the cookies on Friday, Dec. 12th or Saturday, the 13th at 8:30 AM.

The flyers promoting the "Cookie Walk" are here in colors of red, green and white, please take some and post them where you can.

The NCSML Guild Board Members will be serving a continental breakfast for all the workers. They are to be here at 7:30 AM.

Social. Irma Kelly. The servers for January, February, and March are not assigned yet.

Membership. Milly Ortner. We have 97 members at the present time.

Garden. Cindy Monroe. Large piles of black dirt have been deposited in the "garden site" across from the museum. She has been very active raking sand out of the grass areas on the museum property.

History and Properties. Andrea Siebenmann. She has purchased a book to continue recording information about the NCSML and its members.

There was discussion regarding changing the January 2009 meeting date from January 3 to January 10 due to Holidays. After conferring with the Program Committee regarding the speakers availability and other considerations, the January meeting date will be announced at the December Cookie Walk.

New Business. Gary Dvorak suggested that we have a \$5000.00 fund reserve in our treasury for the next printing of the cook book, and not give the museum money until the reserve fund is in place. Pat Kent moved we do this, Dorothy Voelkers 2nd. Motion carried.

Betty Gallagher, Chairman of Nominating Committee presented the slate for the 2009 Guild officers.

President - Pat Martin. Vice President - Gary Dvorak. Recording Secretary - Carolyn Holubar. Treasurer - Alicia Jackson. Corresponding Secretary - Shirley Alexander. Museum Guild Representative - Mel Holubar.

Leo Modracek moved that the slate of officers be approved, 2nd by Barb Pulkrab. Motion carried.

Gary Dvorak reminded everyone that dues are due starting in January. On December 13, come at 7:30 AM and wear the Guild aprons.

Marj Nejdil donated a red and silver vase from Czech Republic for door prize which was won by Shirley Alexander.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar



The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML at Lindale on January 03, 2009.

Pat Martin, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Dvorak, Vice President. There were 36 members attending.

Welcome and Introductions. Jessie and Leni Stastny introduced their niece, Taylor Miller.

Program. Helane Golden introduced our CEO, Gail Naughton, who gave us an up-date on the on-going progress of the future plans of the museum.

The NCSML is now a fully accredited museum.

Refreshments. A selection of quick breads, mints, coffee and water were presented by Dorothy Voelkers, Jessie Stastny and Milly Ortner.

Czech & Slovak Vocabulary. Bob Stone.

English	Czech	Slovak
New Year's Eve	Silvestr	Silvester
Happy New Year	Štátný Nový Rok	same
To your health (cheers)	Na vase zdravi	Na vase zdravie
	Na zdravi	Na zdravie

Officer Reports:

Recording Secretary. Carolyn Holubar. Read the November 03, 2008 minutes. One correction was made, Ginger and Ken Erger are not new volunteers.

Corresponding Secretary. Shirley Alexander.

1. Read a Thank You note from Gail Naughton for the donations from the Guild.
2. Passed around a "Thinking of You" card for all the members to sign to be sent to Irma Kelly.
3. The Cook Book Contest; we were a Midwest winner. Shirley Alexander is writing to them to find out exactly what that means.

Gary Dvorak is sending around a paper for the Guild Property Recovery. So far we have found the silver service, dish towels, 2 Christmas plates, guild aprons, cook books and the artificial flowers from HOUBY Days.

Treasurer. Alicia Jackson. One bill was submitted for \$48.59 from Anne Kloubec, for shipping.

Membership dues are due.

Alicia Jackson and Dolores Usher are working on a budget. Pat Kent said the ending balance for Dec. is \$4,457.69.

Volunteer Coordinator. Patricia Hikiji. No report at this time because more guild members need to put their November and December volunteer hours in her register. Also, she needs more volunteer members to sign up for the afternoon shift for the Exhibit Room.

Museum Representative. Mel Holubar. Gail Naughton gave such a detailed over-view of the continued problems and progress of the museum that he had nothing further to add.

He met a friend, Pete Bishop, who is a city employee, and he mentioned that approximately 1,000 truck loads of dirt were hauled in to make the levies to protect Penford

Products, the Museum, and the Czech Village.

Committee Reports:

Education. Bob Stone informed us that Slovakia is now using the EURO for currency.

Jan Stoffer said that cooking in Babi's Kitchen will continue. HOUBY Days will continue, and the Folk Dance Festival will also be continued.

There will be a walking tour of the Czech Village every Saturday from June through September.

Mark Hunter and Jan Stoffer will also be hosting a more involved walking tour of Bohemia once a month.

Fund Raising. Marie Webster is stepping in for Irma Kelly for the report of the Cookie Walk. First of all, she thanked all the "Callers". 39 volunteers baked, 12 gave money, 25 members volunteered, 69 different cookies/candies were made, \$205.00 was donated, and we had 75 customers. \$1,183.50 was taken in, totaling \$1,388.50.

Also \$250.00 was taken in on the sale of Cook Books!

Social. Lu Volch said our next meeting will be on February 7, 2009 at 9:00AM at the Bohemian Café and Pub. Treats and coffee will be purchased from the Café, there will be a charge for this service but the price is unknown at this time. Irma Kelly, at this time is still in the SUI hospital.

Program. Our next meeting will be an Update of the Czech Village Recovery.

Public Relations. Leah Wilson, gave us information on advertising the Cookie Walk. Flyers in the store were put in shopping bags. 200 flyers were given to the Convention and Business areas. A promotion was made on November 22, 2008 for the St. Nicholas celebration. And E-mails were sent out to all the addresses she had for volunteers. The new Web Site is in transition, it will be very exciting when finished. 20,000 hits were made on it from July to December, 2008.

Membership. We have 97 members at this time. One lady joined us at this meeting, Taylor Miller. We welcome her.

New Business 1. Pat Martin suggested we form an Ad Hoc Committee; The NCSML Public Program Committee.

We would have members do the 'leg work to help out, and pull people for certain jobs. Mel Holubar, moved, seconded by Jan Stoffer. Motion Carried.

2. Should we meet on the first Saturday of every month? The meeting place, starting in July, could be held in the class room in the basement of the Kosek Building, that the museum has purchased. There will be an elevator installed. Moved by Lavanda Woosley, 2nd by Carolyn Holubar. Motion Carried.

Pat Martin: Some 30 years ago when I was a Czech Village Coordinator, I remember Irma Kelly, Marj Nejd, Marge Pace, Marge and Bob Stone, Patricia Hikiji, Fern Fackler and her mother, Leona Kaplan, Jessie Stastny, Bette Krall, Milly Ortner, and Charles Opatrny.

Door Prize. A decorated 'tote' bag decorated by Marj Nejd, won by Lu Volch.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Holubar



The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the Bohemian Café & Pub on February 7, 2009.

President Pat Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Vice president Gary Dvorak led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 50 members present. Pat Martin recognized immediate Past President Marilyn Tucker for her successful term. Marilyn then recognized the following officers for their work during the previous year- Pat Kent, Gary Dvorak and Shirley Alexander.

Pat introduced Bridget Casey, owner of the Café, her assistant, Barb Kilpatrick and Guest Cyndi Kula Obrien.

Jan Stoffer spoke to the group about the Main Street Program which would involve Czech Village and New Bohemia. She asked the Guild to write a letter of support to the Mayor and the City Council.

Several Czech Village business owners were introduced by Jessie Stastny. Each owner spoke to the group about the status of their respective businesses. The Czech Merchants meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month and anyone is welcome to attend.

Czech & Slovak Word of the Day by Bob Stone

<u>English</u>	<u>Czech</u>	<u>Slovak</u>
North	sever	sever
East	východ (sunrise/exit)	východ (sunrise/ exit)
South	jih	juh
West	západ (sunset)	západ (sunset)
sunrise	východ slunce	východ slnka
Sunset	západ slunce	západ slnka

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as corrected. Corresponding Secretary Shirley Alexander reported she had sent cards to Irma Kelly, Evelyn Dvorak and a thank you note to Olga Jung. She asked for signatures on cards for Irma Kelly, Carolyn Holubar and the retiring officers. Bette Krall said that Irma Kelly is at Mercy Hospital but is not ready for visitors.

Treasurer Alicia Dvorak reported that the Executive Committee had approved the budget and it will be published in the newsletter. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to approve the budget, it was seconded and passed. Alicia also stated that the financial report will be included in the newsletter.

Gary gave the Museum Board Representative report for Mel Holubar. Marilyn gave an account of the 2008 Guild activities at the Museum annual meeting and this report will be published in the newsletter.

Patty Hikiji presented the volunteer hours for the month. She also reminded the group that the Guild was launched in the building where we were meeting. Milly Ortner reported that we have three new members.

Lu Volsch announced that Shirley Alexander will co-chair the Taste of Czech with her. The event will be May 15 at a site to be determined shortly. Lu Volsch, Social Chair, thanked Bridget for hosting our group. She also asked members to sign up for future hosting duties. The next meeting will be at the Lindale Museum site.

Jessie announced that the March program will be Mark Hunter speaking on Cedar Rapids grocery stores of the past. The year's program will be published in the next newsletter.



Cindy Monroe reported that the Garden Committee has much work to do and is planning two Saturday work days on April 25 and May 2. The goal is to have the green areas looking good for Houby Days. Andrea Siebenmann, History and Properties Chair, stated that she brought the 2007 history book with her and is working on the 2008 album.

Marilyn said the deadline for the next newsletter is February 17 and it will be sent on February 27.

Dorothy Voelkers will assign a new Calling Committee when the new membership list is ready.

The ad hoc Public Programs Committee co-chairs, Lu Volsch and Carolyn Holubar, are planning the Babi's Kitchen program. It will be held on March 28 at St. Ludmila's Church from 10-12 noon and will feature dumplings.

Mel Holubar will be in charge of the Guild float for the Houby Days parade.

Jan Stoffer told the group about the planned exhibit in the Kosek Building which will have a flood/history theme and will include a science component. Bob Stone commented that the special update handout at the Museum is beautifully done. He encouraged members to look at the Museum web site. He also reported that the Silesian Choir from Ostrava performed a benefit concert for the Museum.

Pat thanked hostesses Lu Volsch, Karen Hospodarsky, Dorothy Voelkers, Carol Wohlleben and Marie Webster.

Ed Volsch won the Valentine themed door prize donated by Marj Nejd. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Fern Kaplan Fackler
Secretary Pro Tem

Museum Guild Program

February 7, 2009

Main Street Iowa Program By: Jan Stoffer And Czech Village and New Bohemia Merchants

An atmosphere of excitement and expectation seemed to permeate the air as forty or more Guild members met on Saturday, February 7. The group gathered in the dining area of The Bohemian Cafe and Pub, which is to be operated by Bridget Casey and Barb Kilpatrick.

Guild President Pat Martin introduced Bridget Casey.

Pat then called on Jan Stoffer to explain a new development as Czech Village and New Bohemia have applied to become an Urban Neighborhood District as a part of Main Street Iowa program. A board of directors will need to be formed and Cedar Rapids city support developed for resolution and to endorse goals. Jan showed the area to be included on a map and said that an Executive Director will need to be hired. The prospects sounded promising.

Owners/Managers of several businesses were present to give a brief report of their plans for renovation, rebuilding and opening. They are listed as follows:

<u>Person</u>	<u>Doing Business As</u>	<u>Comments and Plans</u>
Bridget Casey	Bohemian Cafe and Pub	Opening February 14
Bob Schaeffer	Czech Cottage	Appreciates support
Al Zindrick	Zindrick's Restaurant and Al's	Open by Houby Days (May 16-17)
Jan Stegen	Flickers of Fun	
Maurena Murphy	Somewhere in Time	Open in Feb or March
Jan Henderson	Village Antiques	
George Joens	Joens Bros. Interiors, Maria's Tea Room, Merle Norman Cosmetics	
Deb Christensen	Art to Embroidery (screen printing)	March 1
John Rocarek	Sykora's Bakery	Adding other bakery, pizza and a broader menu. Unsure of opening date - he introduced a new manager.
Mike Richards	Soyawax	He represented New Bohemia. He said that both sides of river need to work together for more unity.

A few other business leaders were contacted but were unable to attend. Those present said how much they appreciated the interest and support and will continue to need the encouragement and business once they are open. Optimism and hope seemed to be the spirit of the program.

—Helen Tucker Sorensen

Museum Guild Program
October 4, 2008

“Granger House”
By Barb Feller, Director

The Granger House Museum, located at 970 Tenth Street in Marion, is owned and maintained by Marion Historical Museum, Inc. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it opened to the public on July 4, 1976, to coincide with the Bicentennial of the United States.

The original part of the home was built in 1848 by a family by the name of Shedd and has the distinction of being the oldest building in this area. It was a simple brick house that has been enlarged and altered over the years to meet the needs of the family. The brick Carriage House, next to the home was built in 1879 for the family's personal horses.

In 1856, Samuel Granger, of Vermont, purchased 500 acres north of Marion, site unseen. He sent his nineteen year old son, Earl, to Iowa to establish a farm and sell Morgan horses to the farmers. The farm economy soon soured and when gold was discovered at Pike's Peak, Earl sold horses to the gold seekers and headed west himself in 1859. After staking a claim, near Cripple Creek and barely surviving a winter, for which he was not prepared, he came back to Marion in 1861.

Earl became a successful business man, managed the family farm, raised Morgan horses and invested in real estate. He married in 1869 and his wife died in childbirth. In 1872, he married Dora Krouse of Toddville and they moved in the house. Six children were born to the Earl and Dora, however, only two lived to adulthood.

Arthur graduated from Cornell College and worked for the U.S. Postal Department. He was the Assistant Postmaster in Marion for many years and it is said that he delivered mail until 1940. He built the house next door on Central Avenue in 1912. Alfred managed the family farm and operated a dairy. He lived in the house until his death in 1969.

Because the Granger family owned this property and lived in this home for almost 100 years, the museum has many of the original furnishings, diaries, photographs, letters and family papers. The house has been restored to its appearance in the late 1870s and is meant to depict the life of a prosperous middle-class family in the late 19th century, a family who migrated to Iowa and made the most of opportunities found.

The Granger House has programming for adults and children which includes tea parties, ice cream socials, holiday musical events and Halloween (this year with Usher's Ferry). It is open for individual or group tours.

We thank Barb Feller for her power point presentation and the fascinating story of this community treasurer.



February 14, 2009 at the Czech Symphony
Betty Pulkrab Gallagher,
Barb Dalecky Pulkrab
Don Pulkrab

— Alicia Dee Dvorak Jackson



February 14, 2009 at the Czech Symphony
Marge Pace and Marj Nejd



Museum Guild Program
January 3, 2009
"Update on the NCSML Flood Recovery"
Gail Naughton

President and CEO, Gail Naughton, presented encouraging information to the members regarding the future of the NCSML. She reminded the group that there are many ways we can fulfill our mission and operate as a national museum.

The Museum purchase of the Kosek building exemplifies the goal to have a presence in Czech Village and help in the revitalization of area. The building will be a permanent part of the Museum campus.

The main floor of the building will house an exhibition on Cedar Rapids Czech and Slovak heritage and history. As Gail said "we are living in a very historic time" so the exhibit will include the time of the flood. The Museum Store will be in the front space of first floor.

Precautionary measures for the structure include installing furnaces and mechanicals on the second floor and planning moveable exhibits. Offices will be on the second floor and meeting space in the basement.

The main Museum building is presently used for storage. A solution for the building must be approached with caution and the flood wall plan must be evaluated in relation to the future usage of the building.

Many damaged artifacts from the collection remain in the hands of preservationists and will be returned after the time consuming process of recovery is complete. The library was especially hard hit and all order was lost. Over 600 boxes on pallets are back from the preservation process conducted in Chicago.

An environmental engineer has evaluated all of the buildings associated with the Museum and steps will be taken to eliminate the mold found. The future of the Babi Buresh house is still uncertain as all mechanicals are gone. Special consideration is being given to this home as it is only building remaining in the Village that was used as a private residence.

Gail indicated that the organization "Main Street-Iowa" is probably going to accept the Czech Village as a project. This would be their first district program in an urban area and consultants would help with economic development and historic preservation.

After a lengthy process, word was received that the Museum has received accreditation as a National Museum from the American Association of Museums. The staff has put forth much effort to meet the criteria for this designation and is to be congratulated.

Gail told the members that the staff and the board are resolved to protect the Museum investments and the donor commitments. She feels the future can be stronger and better.

— Fern Kaplan Fackler



Irma Marie Rigel Modracek

Our community lost one of its finest when Irma Marie Rigel Modracek passed away on June 25, 2008.

Over the years Irma was a presence at all things Czech. She served on various boards, was always helping the Museum, the Guild and all people. She was an inspiration to all of us to be the best that we can be. Irma is missed by all who knew her.

Our Guild expresses sympathy to her husband of 64 ½ years Leo, and to all of her family and friends.

Guild members add Czech Symphony Orchestra to Valentine list

Thirty-five Guild members and their Valentines enjoyed an evening listening to the music of Dvorak and Beethoven at Gallagher Bluedorn Center for the Arts on UNI campus February 14.

The Czech Symphony Orchestra, also known as The Janacek Philharmonic Orchestra of Ostrava, was established in 1954 and emerged from the Czech Radio Orchestra. In a short time it became one of the foremost symphony orchestras in the country. Featured pianist Derek Han joined the 116-piece orchestra. The program included Dvorak selections of Slavonic Dances from Op. 46 and 72, Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Op. 58, and Dvorak Symphony No. 9 in E minor, Op.95 ("From the New World")

This NCSML Guild-sponsored evening was arranged as a motorcoach tour by Woosley Tours. The event included a pre-performance buffet dinner at the concert hall.



Lavanda Woosley, tour leader, and Ogla Chyle Jung, Waterloo, a long-time, fervent supporter of NCSML.



Cousins Barb Pulkrab and Gary Dvorak



Delores Blood, Irene Hamous, Marj Nejd



Lu and Ed Volsch



TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

NOVEMBER 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in November— 32

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 363.5

Ann Kloubec	39.25
Marj NejdI	39.00
Alicia Jackson	37.00
Lu Volsch	25.00
Betty Gallagher	23.50
Ed Volsch	20.50
Shirley Alexander	14.00
Marjeanne Jungjohann	13.00
Karen Hospodarsky	12.00
Laverne Fisher	10.50
Lillian Kopecky	10.50
Emil Koval	10.50
Marge Pace	10.50
Bettv Suchan	10.50

DECEMBER 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in December— 34

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 483

Lu Volsch	71.50
Ed Volsch	49.00
Marj NejdI	40.50
Ann Kloubec	38.50
Alicia Jackson	32.00
Carolyn Holubar	21.50
Betty Gallagher	18.50
Mel Holubar	17.50
Laverne Fisher	17.00
Dolores Blood	14.00
Helane Golden	14.00

JANUARY 2009

Number of Guild members recording hours in January — 26

Number of Guild Hours recorded — 325

Alicia Jackson	38.75
Lu Volsch	35.00
Carolyn Holubar	31.50
Ann Kloubec	27.50
Betty Gallagher	26.00
Mel Holubar	20.00
Irene Konecny	13.75
Laverne Fisher	12.50
Karen Hospodarsky	12.00
Ed Volsch	12.00
Dolores Blood	10.50
Dorothy Voelkers	10.50

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR PATRICIA A. HIKIJI

Volunteer Hours Report for 2008

Number of Guild members recording hours in 2008 – 63

Number of Guild hours recorded – 6090.75

Top Ten List for 2008

Ann Kloubec	457.75
Lu Volsch	405.75
Alicia Jackson	320.25
Ed Volsch	319.00
Dolores Usher	294.25
Betty Gallagher	255.00
Pat Kent	252.00
Carolyn Holubar	230.00
Mel Holubar	223.00
Shirley Alexander	209.50



Patricia A. Hikiji
Volunteer Coordinator



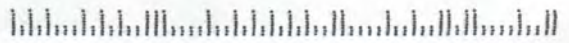
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Sponsors, Donors to complement 'Taste of Czech & Slovak' Celebration May 15

There are some positive changes afoot with this popular tasting fundraiser, and among them is the addition of participation at sponsor or donor level. If you want to ensure even more success for the annual NCSML Guild "Taste of Czech & Slovak," you may become a sponsor or donor. This event, the 9th annual, will again kick-off Houby Days in Czech Village, on Friday, May 15.

- What: Taste of Czech & Slovak
- When: Friday, May 15, from 5 - 7 p.m.
- Where: location to be formally decided at the Guild's March 7 General Membership Meeting

A DONOR will contribute \$100 or more to this fundraiser. All donors will be acknowledged on a program displayed at the tasting event. Your gift will help with expenses incurred, including limited advertising, and also help increase our monetary gift to NCSML at its conclusion.

A SPONSOR will contribute goods...bakery, foods, beverages, with a value of \$100 or more per sponsor. Sponsor names will also be listed in a program displayed at the tasting event.

Our Taste of Czech & Slovak committee will be contacting prospects via phone and mail...or if you seek more information about donor/sponsor status, please call:
Pat Martin, Guild President,