

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

Babi's Bakery raises funds, makes friends at NCSML Grand Opening, Ragbrai ..it's not just *your* Babi's kitchen bakery anymore...

Kolače, Czech Garnets, Bublanina, Bread Dumplings...all this and more, delighted guests as they arrived on the North Terrace of NCSML during Grand Opening weekend July 14-15. Guild of NCSML members were dressed in festive uniform attire as they operated from decorated tables, and some guests enjoyed the sit-down tables provided.

Profits included happy customers, good will, camaraderie and some \$1352!

Potica donated by Andrej's European Pastry was popular, and added a Slovak spark.

Suzanne Charipar and Diane Hayes, co-chairs, worked with a terrific committee that included Jennifer Greve, Diana Geoffry, Joyce Kutin, Cyndi O'Brien, and Carol Wohlleben. Bakers were Shirley Alexander, Jennifer Greve, Barb Hill, Fran Johnson, Diane Moore, Marla Nikodim, Marge Pace,, Dorothy Voelkers, and Jeanne Vogt. George Hill, Bonnie Holubar, Carolyn Holubar, Mary Van Houten, Marie Webster, and Karen Zacek worked the North Terrace booth as well as Laverne Fisher, Alicia Jackson, Irene Konecny, Suzie Long, and several of our bakers.

Ragbrai was a huge success, and Guild members enjoyed the bicyclists as they enjoyed our cookies! It was fun and contributed greatly to "Breakfast on the Bridge of Lions."

Our volunteers "hit the bridge" at 4 a.m. on July 30 and earned some \$236, representing dozens and dozens of cookies baked by the following: Lu Barron, Laurie Bergren, Dolores Blood, Ginger Erger, Barb Hill, Bonnie Holubar, Nancy Johansen, Diane Moore, Marj Nejd, Marla Nikodim, Marge Pace, Barb Pulkrab, Betty Sheets, Mary Van Houten, Jeanne Vogt, Marie Webster, Allyson Wheaton, Lavanda Woosley, Dorothy Voelkers, Karen Zacek. *Some volunteers were impromptu, and we hope we have mentioned all.*



*Suzanne Charipar and Diane Hayes...
report success of Babi's Bakery events
at August membership meeting*

Go-Getters!

July 14, Shally Garin an immense help to committee...and early!

On the bridge at dawn's early light during Ragbrai..Diane Hayes, Barb Hill, Nancy Johansen, Diane Moore, Dorothy Voelkers, Lavanda Woosley.

Fall, 2012



National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library



**Carol Wohlleben,
Guild President**

For me, Guild means:

- G - Guidance, greeting, giving
- U - unification, uniformity, understanding
- I - inspiration, innovation
- L - leadership, liveliness
- D - dedication, doing

The President's Message

Dobry Den, Guild Members,

An old African saying, "If you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together" seems a perfect fit for the Guild of NCSML. NOW is a wonderful time to say how well our Guild demonstrated this quote preparing for and serving the museum in its Grand Opening. Thank you all so much.! Your dedication and hard work are outstanding. You continue to build a tremendous reputation.

Our traditional pastries are so recognized and enjoyed that several groups have requested kolaches (koláče) and even appetizer plates for their NCSML functions. The first week of September 20 dozen koláče were made and sold. Bonnie Rohlena, Diane Hayes, Cyndi O'Brien contributed with me. At the "Distinctive European Jazz Concert" held in Heritage Hall in August, some 100 guests enjoyed plates of cheeses, fruits, and vegetables. Diane Hayes, Mary Van Houten, and Diane Moore helped me create them.

As a result of these functions, we know we need to form a Koláč (kolach) Club: four groups of four people who will take turns baking koláče for groups requesting them for meetings. Let us know if you want to be a part of this club! Classes will be scheduled to make koláče and learn to work in the Museum kitchen.

Welcome new members! We look forward to getting acquainted as we work together for Babi's Kitchen, BrewNost, Old Prague Christmas Market, and Cookie Walk. We will be electing new officers and we continually re-organize. Decide how you want to be involved and let us know.

As Guild President, I want to thank my executive officers, Guild members, and NCSML staff for supporting me through my presidency. This has been an incredible and wonderful experience.

Special Choir Sings Selected Anthems, Hymns for Grand Opening

As part of the Grand Opening ceremonies, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library wanted to include the singing of the US, Czech and Slovak national anthems during the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, July 14. Staff also wanted to have an ecumenical service and blessing of the building on Sunday, July 15. Guild member Donna Merkle assisted NCSML staff member Leroy Bradway with this project.

Leaders of various churches in the greater Cedar Rapids area with a connection to the local Czech community were invited to participate in the Sunday blessing program. Members of the community were invited to form the choir that would lead the public in singing the anthems for both events, plus religious hymns representative of each country for the blessing of the building.

Donna selected "Andělské přátelství" written in 1653 by Adam Michna z Otradovic to represent the Czechs for the blessing ceremony. To represent the Slovaks, she received assistance from the Slovak Embassy in Washington, D.C. in selecting "Bože, což ráčil" for the Slovak hymn. For the American hymn, she selected "On Eagle's Wings", not only because it is a popular hymn among many Christian faiths, but also because the eagle is a symbol of America and, with the Raptor Resource Center in Decorah, a unique state-sponsored connection to this majestic bird.

Approximately 40 people from the Cedar Rapids - Iowa City Corridor joined the Czech Heritage Singers of Cedar Rapids to form the Grand Opening Choir for the two-day event. They only had three rehearsals before a "dry run" on the Thursday before the big event to learn the basics of Czech and Slovak pronunciations and to master completely new melodies. Donna is extremely proud of everyone who participated, because they did indeed grasp the idiosyncrasies of the Czech and Slovak languages and mastered the melodies in an incredibly short amount of time - and well enough to give a strong and confident presentation to the public for both events.



**Donna Merkle,
Grand Opening
Choir Leader**

Seventh Education Question...answer on page 3 (by Bob Stone)

Name the Czech student who set himself on fire in Wenceslas Square in Prague on Jan. 15, 1969, to protest the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia, which occurred on Aug. 21, 1968.

Czech Touches

by Pat Martin

120 pages 6 x 9"

Penfield Books

Amanda De Hoedt
Miss Czech-Slovak Iowa
 2009-2010

Photograph by Russ De Hoedt

Czech Touches, by Guild Member Pat Martin, will be launched at a book signing event at NCSML the day after Thanksgiving.

When: Friday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m.

**Where: National Czech & Slovak Museum
 & Library, Grand Hall**

Hosted by: Douglas Smith, manager, Museum Store

Czech Touches *The Czech Book*

RECIPES • HISTORY • FOLK ARTS
 NORTH AMERICAN CZECHS COAST TO COAST



by Pat Martin

This book, the author, Guild members and friends of NCSML featured in **Czech Touches** or who helped Pat with this book, are invited to this event, and if you purchase a book you may collect all the autographs you desire! These contributors include the following: Diana Baculis; Kitty Chadima, Irene Hamous; Amanda, Russ, and Zelda De Hoedt; Carolyn and Mel Holubar; John and Sandra Hudson; Stefanie Kohn; Donna and Guenter Merkle; Dave Muhlena; Gail Naughton; Marj NejdI; Bob Stone. Also young people who are featured in the book will be acknowledged: Kidizens volunteers, Světlušky folk music ensemble, and participants in cultural queen and other royalty competitions. Recipe contributors include Guild members Fern Fackler, Janelle McClain, Marj NejdI, and Jessie Stastny.

Included in the book: major Czech American museums, including NCSML; kroje, glass collections, folk and fine arts, music and dancing, the cultural queen competitions, Sokol, Czech festivals.

Czech Touches replaces the out-of-print Czech and Slovak Touches. Both books are successors of *The Czech Book*, published in the early 1980s. Nearly all of the classic recipes from *The Czech Book* are re-printed, with updated biographies, in this new book.

Seventh Education Answer (by Bob Stone)

Jan Palach. In November, 1989, his death was commemorated by student protests that led to the end of the Communist Government in December, 1989.

Minutes of the May 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at St. Wenceslaus Church, on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Carol Wohleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 60 members and 1 guest attending. We had 1 new member join.

Program: Shirley Alexander introduced Jan Stoffer, NCSML Director of Education who led a program on Visitors Services and the Slegler Immigrant Home. She gave floor plans of the new Museum spaces and led us on a slide show tour of the facility in the perspective of what visitors will experience. The official new address for the NCSML is 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. The tour went from the underground parking garage, to Grand Hall then to the Welcome Desk/Information Station. This is where visitors will buy tickets and get directions through the Museum. We then viewed the Slegler Immigrant Home. It was home to 5 generations of the Slegler family for almost 100 years. The next Guild meeting is 06/02/12 and will be held at the new Museum, main building, 9am. We will learn the new building and meet the staff. There will be lots of training in July so please come to what you can as it will be about the opening in July as well as volunteer training on the facility, exhibits and processes.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the April 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Lavanda Woosley and seconded by Jennifer Greve. The Minutes were approved as accurate.

Treasurer Report: Betty Sheets gave the ending balance in the Guild account as \$8817.19. No new bills were presented but she stated the account gained 14 cents in interest.

Museum Representative: President Carol Wohleben read the report in Mel's absence. He attended the Legacy Society Luncheon on 04/19/12 where deceased Guild member Leo Modracek was honored for his contribution to the Endowment Fund. He attended the April NCSML Board Meeting on 04/24/12 where Gail Naughton reported the NCSML is looking for sponsorships for the Grand Opening and BrewNost. The immigrant house will be done by the end of April and at a cost less than the bid. Durant, the architect design firm for the new Museum has filed for bankruptcy, but it should not have any effect on the completion of the Museum or the opening date. On 04/15/12 the Museum closed on the Joens building. It will need over \$9,000 in repairs to bring it up to code for possible lease in the future. The Board approved \$15,000 for updates to the Hurych building. At this point just cosmetic updates will be made to improve the look of the structure. The Board will write a letter to the City stating it is interested in purchasing 4 vacant properties that are near the Museum should they become available for sale. They could be used later for expansion and parking. The grand opening of the Czech Mitas Tire Company will be 04/26/12 in Charles City and some of the Board and Staff plan to attend. The Guild will participate in the Houby Days parade, 05/19/12 and will need volunteers to carry 2 banners, 3 flags and hand out candy, flyers and beads to the spectators. We will also have the decorated trailer with live music.

Guild Business: Beth DeBoom and Dave Stauffer reviewed the upcoming Taste of Czech and Slovak event that will be held 05/18/12. Attire will be dark pants, red shirt with Guild aprons, head scarves and visors. Bob Stone gave the Czech and Slovak words of the day which reviewed greetings and salutations. Diane Hayes said she will have pans and recipes at the next meeting for bakers for Babi's Bakery for the Opening event. She also reviewed that she has several people baking to send poppy seed cupcakes to the "Leaving Czechoslovakia" event in Chicago. Jan Stoffer had a call for volunteers for school tours and the Grand Opening event. Diana Geoffrey thanked the days Hostesses; Betty Gallagher, Suzie Long and Jennifer Greve and stated she still needs Host/Hostesses for July, August and beyond. Carol Wohleben reviewed the need for a Kitchen Committee to organize the new kitchen and train volunteers on the use of the equipment. Betty Sheets made a motion for the Guild to put \$1000 of the proceeds from the upcoming Taste of Czech and Slovak event towards the Kitchen Committee. \$250 to the NCSML as needed and the remaining \$750 for the Guild to spend on kitchen supplies as necessary. The motion was seconded by Chris Curfman and it was approved by a 100% yes vote by the membership. Dave Stauffer said the History Committee is still in need of pictures from 2011 and 2012 events. If you have pictures, or will have in the future, please give them to him or Chris Curfman at any Guild meeting. It would be nice to label the picture on the back with the event, date and who is in the picture. They will be used in yearbooks and it will save a lot of time and guessing if they are labeled.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired birdhouse, donated by Marj Nejdli- won by Bob Hejkal. Potted Gerbera Daisies, donated by Suzie Long- won by Laverne Fisher and Marge Pace.

A motion was made by Jeanne Vogt to adjourn, it was seconded by Barb Pulkrab and approved with 100% yes vote.

May Membership Meeting Hosts:

Jennifer Greve, Suzie Long, Betty Gallagher



Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long, Recording Secretary

Volunteers For Taste of Czech & Slovak 2012...Thank you! Thank you!

Beth DeBoom
 Dave Stauffer
 Carol Wohlleben
 Cyndi O'Brien
 Shally Garin
 Karen Hospodarsky
 Mel Holubar
 Emil Koval
 Shirley Alexander
 John Shean
 Joe Kurka
 Bonnie Holubar
 Marie Webster
 Dianna Geoffrey
 Suzanne Charipar
 Allyson Wheaton
 Jan Stoffer
 Gail Naughton
 Amy Lyness
 Ellsworth Voelkers
 Dorothy Voelkers
 Alicia Jackson
 Irene Konecny
 Ann Kloubec
 Suzanne Long
 Leah Wilson
 Jeanne Vogt
 Marj Nedjl
 Allison Geoffrey
 Frank Edmunds
 Pat Martin
 Joyce Kutin
 Chelsea Delarm
 Willa Bracaya
 Clara Kincaid
 Bev Kadlec
 Gene Kadlec
 Diane Moore
 Mary Ann Kucera
 Jennifer Greve
 Barb Hill
 George Hill
 Laverne Fisher
 Leni Stastny

Warren Fackler
 Karen Zacek
 Betty Sheets
 Elizabeth Chadima
 Loreen Svoboda
 Barb Edmunds
 Lavanda Woosley
 Nancy Hartz
 Jim Hartz
 Sally Shean
 Ginger Erger
 Lijun Chadima
 Linda Lamparek
 Ronda Cook
 Vera Conway
 Douglas Smith



Patrons of 12th Annual Taste of Czech & Slovak

Smuggler's Wharf, Parlor City, Sokol, Dostal Catering, Blue Toad, Sykora Bakery, Julia-n-Chef, Red Toad, Hy Vee Wilson Ave., Zin's, OB-Gyn Associates P.C., Barron Stark, Zoey's, Cornell College, Kirkwood Community College, 7G Distributing



Newer Guild of NCSML Members...

Seated, from left: Anita Coufal Burke, Marla Nikodim, Patrick Nefzgen. Standing: Ed and Sylvia Popelka, Sheryl Kokoska Gardner, Sally Stejskal.



Minutes of the June 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the new NCSML, on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Vice President, Cyndi O'Brien led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 59 members and 3 guests attending. We had no new members join.

This was a very abridged meeting due to the fact that the program would be an extensive, guided tour of the new Museum. Reports were handed out for the membership to read and make any corrections to rather than be read in order to save time.

President and Vice President Report: No reports were given.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the May 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. No corrections were noted.

Corresponding secretary: Carolyn Holubar thanked the Guild membership for all of the thoughts, prayers and cards extended to her during her surgery and recovery periods. She read a letter from Gail Naughton giving Thanks to the Guild membership for all we do in support of getting the new Museum opened. Also for all the hard work related to the Grand Opening events that will be held July 14th and 15th 2012. Carolyn gave the top 10 volunteers for the months of April and May 2012 and stated that she knows there are many hours that didn't get recorded because she was not at the meeting with the volunteer hours book. She requested members to either go back now and put their hours in the respective months or add them to the month of June. She will recalculate all of these months to get accurate totals once everyone is completed.

Treasurer: Betty Sheets sent a report that showed the ending balance for the NCSML Guild bank account at \$11,111.40.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar handed out copies of his report. No corrections were noted. He attended the May 22, 2012 Board meeting, held in the classroom of the new Museum! Doug Wenzel talked about development as well as what is expected of Board members for the future. Leah Wilson gave a power point presentation: "What Moves You?" It was mainly devoted to the Capital Campaign. There was talk of a possible National Board that could include noted Czechs and Slovaks, as well as other well off potential donors. It would be impressive to have well known National Board Members. Gary Rozek reported on new Museum progress. Minor items come up that could delay occupancy, but won't impact the Museum Grand Opening. Lu Barron stated there will be master planning for the Czech Village and New Bohemia areas over the next 6 months. Gail Naughton and other dignitaries were invited to Czech and Slovak dinners, in Chicago, May 20th and 21st. Both organizations will send Ambassadors, Honorary Counselors and Dignitaries to the NCSML Grand Opening event. The NCSML is sponsoring an Oral History exhibit in Oak Park, IL, opening May 11, 2012. Mel gave thanks to all who participated in the Houby Days Parade. He reminded us of RAGBRAI coming July 26th and 27th.

Guild Business: Diane Hayes and Suzanne Charipar talked about the upcoming Babi's Bakery that will take place for the NCSML Grand Opening event July 14th and 15th. The Guild will supply baked goods as well as volunteers to work the Babi's Bakery table both days. There will be 2 shifts each day. Baked good will be delivered Saturday to the North dock area, the Riverside Park entrance between 8-9am. They had sign up sheets for workers and bakers, as well as pans and recipes for the bakers to use. Diana Geoffrey stated Hosts/Hostesses were still needed for July, August and September. The membership filled the requests before the meeting ended! She also gave thanks to the day's Hostesses: Marie Webster, Linda Koehler and Fern Fackler. Carol Wohlleben stated there will be a need for a Kitchen Committee meeting, but it won't happen until all of the equipment comes.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired plaque, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Leni Stastny.

Program: NCSML staff broke the Guild membership up into 5 groups and then gave an extensive tour of the new NCSML building. Incredible, beautiful, functional, innovative, classy, stunning and forward thinking were just some of the comments I overheard from Guild members. I think we all agreed that it has been hard living without the "Red Roof" building and the Sleger Immigrant Home, but after the tour, "It was sure worth the wait!" Great job staff, building and design committees on planning and then bringing to life this awesome new vision of our beloved Museum!

Cyndi O'Brien adjourned the meeting.



Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long, Recording Secretary

June Membership Meeting Hosts:
Fern Fackler, Linda Koehler, Marie Webster



An International Beer Tasting to Benefit the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

Friday, October 26

Volunteers will be needed to bake dessert bites and serve them. Sign-ups at October meeting. This is a fun event to become involved in!!

Museum Guild Treasurer Report - September 8, 2012

	2011	2012
Beginning Balance	\$12,143.80	\$7,301.26
Receipts		
Dues	\$1,720.00	\$850.00
Cookbooks	\$1,980.60	\$2,995.00
Donations	\$200.00	\$90.00
Aprons	\$70.00	\$84.00
Taste of Czech/Slovak	\$3,934.00	\$2,276.00
Heritage Tea	\$394.00	
Babi's Bakery	\$1,122.00	\$1,708.15
Cookie Walk	\$2,106.20	\$75.00
Interest	\$3.28	\$1.64
Total Receipts	\$11,530.08	\$8,079.79
Disbursements		
Guilded Page	\$646.90	\$465.11
Cookbook Expense	\$5,375.00	
NCSML	\$8,075.00	\$25.00
Rental	\$225.00	
Miscellaneous	\$742.00	\$335.95
Taste of C/S Expenses	\$568.04	\$1,212.77
Heritage Tea Expenses	\$188.00	
Babi's Bakery	\$366.64	\$788.06
Cookie Walk Expenses	\$186.04	\$36.00
Total Disbursements	\$16,372.62	\$2,862.89
Ending Balance	\$7,301.26	\$12,518.16
<i>Recap Museum Guild Fund Raising Projects</i>		
Taste of C&S Income	\$3,934.00	\$2,276.00
Taste of C&S Expenses	\$527.81	\$1,212.77
Taste of Czech Net	\$3,406.19	\$1,063.23
Heritage Tea Income	\$394.00	
Heritage Tea Expense	\$188.00	
Heritage Tea Net	\$206.00	
Babi's Bakery Income	\$1,122.00	\$1,708.15
Babi's Bakery Expense	\$366.64	\$788.06
Babi's Bakery Net	\$755.36	\$920.09
156 Member Paid for 2012		
1 Member Paid for 2013		

Coming up...

Babi's Kitchen: Sat., October 13
Old Prague Market: Fri. and Sat.,
 Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Cookie Walk: Sat. December 8
Details at October Meeting



*Cheese, fruit, and vegetable
 Appetizer Plates prepared
 and sold at an NCSML
 jazz concert.*

*YOU are welcome to join
 Guild's culinary artists
 in such endeavors!*



*John and Sandra Hudson...
lead efforts of Kidizens*

*Kidizens... planting flowers for
Bridge of Lions, a gateway
to NCSML and Czech Village*



August Membership Meeting Program--

Kidizens exemplify Volunteers with a Mission: The Bridge of Lions

Kidizens...Citizens who are Kids!!! And these "kids" are inspiring!

John and Sandra Cermak Hudson, Guild members, are organizers of Celebrate CR, a group whose mission is to see the Bridge of Lions become a symbol of revitalization in the neighborhood surrounding NCSML and Czech Village. One aspect of this organization involves Kidizens, who presented their program at the Guild's August membership meeting.

Wilson School Parent-Teacher-Student Association is actively involved in the group. They are planting flowers on the bridge and in Sokol Park and are planning to repair a defaced lion next year. Kidizens are educated about the importance of volunteerism AND they actively volunteer. Kidizens work with C.R. Parks Department and external consultants who help them write grants for funding. The group also raises funds independently.

The Guild of NCSML is proud of the Hudsons and their Kidizens and are delighted with your efforts for the neighborhood.

Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

It is NO secret...without volunteers our Czech endeavors would not make it! Whether donations of money, time, travel; hosting visitors for events; preserving and demonstrating the decorative arts; maintaining traditional cooking, teaching and performing traditional music, needlework; organizing pageants...volunteers make the difference in whether or not success is achieved.

The Guild of NCSML has a Mission that supports the activities, programs, and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. This Mission is accomplished by providing unpaid volunteers and other financial and charitable support. The group also serves as an educational service and social organization for those interested in supporting NCSML.

Founded in 1994, this group has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the goal of preserving Czech and Slovak heritage and history. Museums, such as NCSML thrive only with such commitment.

Minutes of the July 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the new NCSML, on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Program: Carol Wohlleben introduced Jan Stoffer, Director of Education. She organized approximately 200 volunteers for a training for the upcoming Grand Opening Weekend. There was an introduction of NCSML Staff members. Each Staff member then led groups through an hour long training session specific to the jobs they had volunteered for.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. There were 63 members and 1 guest attending. We had no new members join.

President: Carol Wohlleben announced there has been a Kitchen Committee formed and a meeting will be held soon to review what the kitchen has, and what it still needs. 3 planters, donated by Peck's Flower & Garden Shop are in front of the Museum and have been tended to by Guild volunteers to make sure they are beautiful for the upcoming Grand Opening Weekend events.

Vice President: Cyndi O'Brien said the financial report for this years Taste of Czech and Slovak event will be presented in the August meeting. She also gave the current Treasurer's report: The Guild has an ending balance of \$11,682.23. No new bills were submitted.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the June 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. Once reviewed by the membership a motion to approve the Minutes was made by Barb Pulkrab and seconded by Jeanne Vogt. The Minutes were approved as accurate.

Corresponding Secretary: Carolyn Holubar sent a Get Well card to Fran Johnson, who was injured in an automobile accident. She appears to be on her way back to good health. She read the corrected Top Ten Volunteers hours for the months of April and May. There were over 300 additional hours recorded for these months, due to Guild members updating their hours. She reminded everyone that there are new sign in sheets in the book for the months of July through December. Please make sure to fill out a new page for yourself. The Volunteer Hours Book will now be kept in the Volunteer Lounge at the NCSML as well as one at the Kosek building.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar attended the June 26th, Board meeting. Doug Wenzel will do a quarterly report on Development. It will include: What is expected of the Board, the Legacy Society and BrewNost. Sue Olson gave the New Museum/Library construction report. She stated the humidity has been a bit difficult to stabilize due to the weather, and the doors being open more than normal due to moving into the Facility. It must be kept at 45% plus or minus 3% to be an accredited Museum, and this can be audited at any time. It has now been stabilized. Lu Barron said that a meeting was held on a Master Plan for Czech Village and New Bohemia. Personnel from Cedar Rapids will be inviting new businesses into these areas. Gail Naughton addressed the Gala Dinner, Ribbon Cutting and Board assignments for July 14th. Board Members were given 10 tickets for the Golden Prague Getaway to either be sold or purchased. On July 1st and 2nd, Ford Bell, President of The American Association of Museums will visit the NCSML as we are one of only 1000 Museums in the USA to be accredited. A reminder that RAGBRAI will come through Cedar Rapids July 26th and 27th, with a big crowd expected and the NCSML has plans for fund raising for the 24 hours they will be in town. Lastly, Jason Wright received his CFRE, Certified Fund Raising Executive status! Great work Jason!

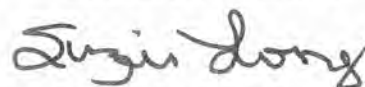
From Volunteer Coordinator: Abigail Ibisch reviewed that there is a new Volunteer Program Policies and Procedures manual, which includes a dress code. Volunteers must read, sign, and date the Code of Conduct and get it back to her for her records. She reminded everyone of the numerous volunteer opportunities within the new NCSML as well as Kosek buildings. The NCSML will be making name tags for all volunteers to include the Guild membership.

Guild Business: Diane Hayes and Suzanne Charipar reviewed the upcoming Babi's Bakery events for the Grand Opening of the NCSML on 07/14 and 07/15 and RAGBRAI on 07/26. Mary Van Houten reviewed that the Kitchen Committee would welcome additional members and will be doing an inventory. This will help control our inventory and find needs and wants. Tours and training of the new kitchen space will be available once it is fully stocked. Diana Geoffrey thanked the day's Hostesses; Barb & George Hill, Beth DeBoom and Diane Moore. Bob Stone reviewed Czech and Slovak Greetings and Salutations as our Word of the Day lesson. Suzie Long reviewed The Guilds entry in the NCSML Pageant/Parade event that kicks off the Grand Opening. Jan Stoffer made a call to volunteers for RAGBRAI and the Museum, stating there are numerous tours scheduled for July and August. ALL volunteer help is appreciated.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired dish towel, donated by Marj Nejd!- won by Frank Edmunds. Note cards and Hand Sanitizer gift packs, donated by Barb & Frank Edmunds- won by John Shean and Marge Pace.

A motion was made by Betty Gallagher to adjourn, it was seconded by Shirley Alexander and approved with 100% yes vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Suzie Long, Recording Secretary



July Membership Meeting Hosts:
Diane Moore, Barbara and George Hill

Volunteers are the Heart of Guild--

*Totals compiled by Carolyn Holubar
(Record your hours promptly.
Credit goes to you, individually,
and to Museum for grants.)*

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for April, 2012 573.75 hours

Carol Wohlleben	68.5
Jackie Allen	32
Christina Tollefson	29
Shirley Alexander	28
Mel Holubar	24
Pat Martin	23.5
Diane Hayes	19
Mary Dvorak	18.5
Sally Shean	17.5
Mary Ellen Krotz	16.75
Total Number of Volunteers:	57

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for May, 2012 755.75 hours

Carol Wohlleben	70
Cyndi O'Brien	50
Shirley Alexander	43
Jeanne Vogt	42.5
Mel Holubar	41.5
Jackie Allen	40
Suzanne Charipar	31
Jim Barker	28
Suzie Long	27
Pat Martin	24.5
Total Number of Volunteers:	75

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for June, 2012 876.25 Hours

Carol Wohlleben	more than 100
Carolyn Holubar	72
Jackie Allen	37.5
Jim Barker	35
Jeanne Vogt	30
Cyndi O'Brien	28
David Stauffer	23
Marj Nejd	22
Mary Ellen Krotz	20.5
Shirley Alexander	20
Total Number of Volunteers:	69

Top Ten with Recorded Hours for July, 2012 1,526 Hours

Bonnie Holubar	112
Pat Martin	102
Carolyn Holubar	91
Carol Wohlleben	80
Jeanne Vogt	53.5
Mel Holubar	51
Jeff Kohn	48
Donna Merkle	42
Shirley Alexander	40.5
Marj Nejd	40
Jackie Allen	40
Total Number of Volunteers:	51

Abigail Bourman

Volunteer and Program Coordinator

Abigail recently graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI with her Master's degree in History. As a new resident of Cedar Rapids, she enjoys exploring the city and learning more about its residents. She is looking forward to getting married in January and beginning a new life with her new husband.



Dear Guild Members,

It has certainly been an exciting few months for me! When I started here at the NCSML three months ago, I dove straight into the deep end. As challenging as it has been, I have loved every minute of it! The more I learn about the museum and the Guild, the more excited and grateful I am for this opportunity!

Life at the museum is getting back to normal now, with 70-100 visitors every day. My sincere thanks go out to all of the volunteers who have jumped in with me and started working again! We could not do this without you. However, we still have many spots to fill. We also will need volunteers in the coming months for tours and special events.

Please give me a call to schedule a meeting with me! Whether or not you would like to volunteer, I would still love to meet you and hear some of your stories. My favorite part of my job is seeing my volunteers every day! You can reach me at 319-362-8500, or at (Ibisch will be my married name! I am a very excited bride-to-be!)

Sincerely,

Thinking about

favorite holiday recipes !!!

Cookie Walk: Sat. December 8

****Details at October Meeting****

Minutes of the August 2012 NCSML Guild Meeting

The Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library met at the NCSML, on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Carol Wohlleben, President, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 50 members and no guests attending. We had no new members join.

Program: The Organization, Kidizens, a youth group from Wilson Middle and Jefferson High Schools gave a slide show program on what their Organization does and how they made an impact in Czech Village in 2012. Kidizens are Kid Citizens. Their Tag Line is "Caring for Communities" and their Mission Statement is "Improving Communities One Project at a Time." We learned that they were responsible for the beautiful raised flower beds in Sokol Park, the flowers on the Bridge of Lions and a beautification project at Wilson School. Each week a different Family takes on the task of walking the bridge to water the plants, and check for damage. They raised money through grant proposals and a car wash. They were happy to say, all grants had received funding and the car wash raised enough to keep the flowers watered through September! They had many contributors throughout the community. Their plans for 2013 are to improve the flowers on the bridge, replace the damaged lion, ride in RAGBRAI and give bike tours of Czech Village. A motion was made by Suzanne Charipar to see what The Guild could contribute to such a marvelous youth organization. The motion was seconded by Leni Stastny and approved with a 100% yes vote by the membership. A voluntary collection was taken and \$130 was donated to Kidizens by Guild members.

Volunteer Coordinator: Abigail Bourman Thanked all Volunteers that assisted with the Grand Re-Opening of the NCSML. She also went over the process of Volunteer check in and reporting to designated posts for the days you Volunteer within the Museum. She reminded everyone that she is there for Us. Any problems, concerns or suggestions can be brought to her and she will address them. She also made a plea for Volunteers to take on designated shifts within the NCSML through out the week. There have not been enough Volunteers at this time and Staff have had to cover many of the daily positions and this takes away from their job duties.

Kitchen Committee: Mary Van Houten reviewed a list of supplies the NCSML Guild purchased for the kitchen area.

President: Carol Wohlleben said volunteers are needed for the upcoming Nomination Committee and there may be a need for some additional committees in the upcoming year. She said a survey will be sent out shortly to all Guild members to see what their thoughts are on what is going right, as well as what changes might need to be made within the Organization.

Recording Secretary: Suzie Long passed out copies of the July 2012 Guild meeting Minutes before the meeting and asked members to read and make corrections as necessary. No corrections were noted. Dorothy Voelkers made a motion to accept the Minutes as accurate, Leni Stastny seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 100% yes vote by the membership.

Corresponding secretary: Carolyn Holubar said she sent a Thank You note to Peck's Florist for flowers donated for the Grand Opening and said a Condolence card sent to Marie Cada was returned and hoped to get a correct address. She read the Top 10 Volunteers for the month of June 2012. 69 Guild members volunteered for a total of 876.25 Volunteer Hours!!!

Treasurer: Betty Sheets gave the ending balance for the Guild's account to be at \$12,799.83. She read invoices to be paid for postage and the reprint of the NCSML Guild Banner. She also said \$25 had been sent in Memory of Marie Cada. Jeanne Vogt made a motion to approve payment of the presented invoices and Dorothy Voelkers seconded the motion. It was approved with a 100% yes vote by the membership.

Museum Representative: Mel Holubar attended the July 24th, 2012 Board meeting. He said the financial report given was good, the sponsorship goal for the Grand Opening was surpassed by \$10,000. He said Sue Olson gave a Buildings and Grounds Report and stated we are on the way to becoming a "Gold Level" LEED building, which will mean lower utility costs and rebates. The sales for the Opening weekend between the New Museum Store, Kosek Building and Web sales totaled \$33,239! There were also 145 new memberships sold and 10,000 meals were sold Saturday July 14th! He has raffle tickets for the trip to Prague if anyone is interested.

Guild Business: Diane Hayes and Suzanne Charipar stated Babi's Bakery made \$1588.15 during the Grand Opening and RAGBRAI! Carol Wohlleben gave an overview of the Food Plates that were sold for the Jazz Concert and what a success it was. Pat Martin said she still needs pictures for the upcoming Guided Page of the Taste of Czech and Slovak, all Babi's Bakery events and the Grand Opening. Diana Geoffrey thanked the Day's Hostesses Loreen Svoboda and Shirley Alexander and said Hosts/Hostesses are still needed for October.

Meeting Attendance Lottery: Hand painted, Czech inspired canvas bag, donated by Marj Nejd- won by Amy Wyatt. Gourmet Granola, donated by Betty Sheets- won by Donna Merkle.

A motion was made by Diana Geoffrey to close the meeting, seconded by Bob Hejkal and approved by the membership.



Respectfully Submitted,

Suzie Long, Recording Secretary

August Membership Meeting Hosts:
Loreen Svoboda and Shirley Alexander

THE GUILDED PAGE

Pat Martin, Editor



Next Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m.
At the NCSML
Program: "The Scoop"
on upcoming events

David Muhlena

Dear Guild Members,

We are back! It's hard to believe, isn't it? After four long years of hard work we've come back even stronger, larger and safer than we were before. There are lots of people who stuck with us through the long process, and the Guild was one of the strongest. You were here when we were mucking out. You were here when we met at the mall. (Remember the Cookie Walk in the hallway?) You were here when we announced we would move the building. (Who would have thought it could be done?!) You were here when we kept going in the Kosek building. And, you were here when we opened on July 14!

The Guild is the backbone of the museum and library. Your support of our operations and help with programs and events is priceless. We wouldn't be where we are today if it were not for the members of the Guild. Actually, if not for some of you who founded the museum and library in the first place, people from all over the world wouldn't come to Cedar Rapids and learn about the history and culture of the Czechs and Slovaks. To everyone, my profound thank you for all you've done to lift us up to where we are today.

Now we need you more than ever! The good news is we are busy with visitors as never before. And the good news is we have lots of opportunities for people to get involved. It's fun, you meet interesting people, and you can share in the pride as they sing the praises of the new museum and library.

Do know how much I appreciate your enormous help with the opening weekend. It was a great success and you can say I was there and I helped make it happen.

See you soon! *My best Gail*



Gail Naughton,
NCSML President/CEO