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Romani Art Exhibit Arrives in October

For centuries Romanies (gypsies) have lived on the margins of society, traveling from place to place, often being chased, persecuted and repressed. Yet art and romantic literature can depict this nomadic life as idyllic—a chosen lifestyle filled with untamed happiness and unquenchable passion.

“The World Through Romani Eyes,” an exhibit of amateur Romani art that comes to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in October, takes a more sincere look at this way of life, through the eyes of those who know it best.

The World Through Romani Eyes is a collection of paintings and sculptures created by non professional Romani artists from the Czech Republic and Slovakia. It conveys the Romani lifestyle with the honesty of

folk art, often in vibrant hues and through simple snapshots of life. You’ll see dark-skinned Romani faces, Romani camps, the placid countryside they called home and the traditions that unite them.

This exhibition originates from the Museum of Romani Culture in Brno, Czech Republic. It was exhibited at the Czech Embassy in Washington, D.C., earlier this year and will be shown at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library through Jan. 2, 2000.

This Madonna with Christ child, carved in wood, is part of the Romani art exhibit that opens at the NCSML on Oct. 15. The opening reception for museum members is Tues. Oct. 19, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



P. Buckley Moss Paints the Museum

P. Buckley Moss, the artist known for her watercolors, etchings, silkscreens and lithographs of pastoral Iowa scenes, geese and Amish children, has created a watercolor of the exterior of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. The watercolor will be unveiled Sunday, Sept. 26 at 4 p.m. during a 3-5:30 p.m. museum fundraiser at Lakeside, home of Tom and Nan Riley. Limited-edition prints will go on sale that day and will be available afterward for \$95. The project is spearheaded by Peppertree Studios, who has generously agreed to make the NCSML a beneficiary of the sale of the prints. The late afternoon fundraiser will include ethnic appetizers

and beverages, live music, trolley rides, and a chance to stroll around the picturesque grounds of one of the area’s most magnificent and historic estates. Tickets are \$30. Reservations are required.

If you’re a Moss fan or hoping to learn more about her art, head to the NCSML the morning before the Sunday benefit. From 8:30 until 11:30 a.m. Moss Museum Executive Director Peter Rippe will explain symbolism in Moss art. The museum Guild is providing kolaches and coffee. Peppertree Studios is sponsoring the event. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit the NCSML. Seating is limited to 150 people, so reserve early.

NCSML FYI

Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65 and over), \$2 for children ages 5-16. Children under 5 with an adult companion are admitted free. Members are admitted free. Admission includes a tour of the restored 19th century Immigrant Home, temporary exhibits and *Homelands*, the museum’s permanent exhibition. The museum is located at 30 16th Ave. SW. For more information call (319) 362-8500.

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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 1993 there was, literally, a ground breaking for the construction of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Since then, with frequency, the organization has continued to break new ground. From the historic 1995 "Three Presidents" building dedication to *A Thousand Years of Czech Culture* in 1997 to last year's opening of *Homelands: The Story of the Czech & Slovak People*, we have worked hard to bring the finest quality programs, exhibits, and events to our members.

I am happy to report that we have again broken new ground. October 29 and 30, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Slovak Republic, the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies at the University of Iowa, and Kirkwood Community College, the NCSML will present the Slovak History and Culture Conference.

Scholars, researchers, and cultural historians from across the country will present talks on a variety of subjects pertaining to Slovak history and culture, with the central theme being the 10th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. We hope that all our membership will find this program engaging, as topics range from

folk culture to language, film to a personal account from someone who was actively involved in the Velvet

Revolution. We will be honored by the presence of His Excellency Martin Butora, Ambassador from the Slovak Republic. Ambassador Butora was very involved in the events surrounding the Velvet Revolution. He later served as President Havel's human rights advisor. The weekend will culminate with the annual Fall Dinner. Look for more information on this conference in *Most*.



Dan Baldwin and Carmen Langel (center and left) took part in a mock wedding in the village of Zdiar, Slovakia. Dan plays the part of the best man. His daughter Carey was the maid of honor.

This summer I had the pleasure of being part of a wonderful group of people who traveled to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Heritage Tours out of the Twin Cities put together an outstanding program that brought us in contact with a variety of craftspeople, musicians, small villages, folk festivals, and remarkably beautiful scenery. Our tour was climaxed by an evening in the Slovak village of Rusyn, where we were treated to a wedding pageant that managed to get the tour group involved in the dancing and celebrating. When we told them we had to go because we were to leave our hotel for the airport at 4:30 the next morning, their response was "stay and party through the night!"

This was my second trip to the Czech Republic and my first to Slovakia. Though the tour was long at 18 days, all but six were spent in regions that I'd never visited. I was especially amazed at the beauty of Moravia and Slovakia. We were warmly welcomed wherever we went. My 13-year old daughter joined me for trip. She now has a set of memories that will last her a lifetime.

Dan Baldwin,
Executive Director

2-day Slovak Conference at NCSML

Slovaks, scholars and the merely curious will find a broad range of intriguing topics at "The Slovak History and Culture Conference" on Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30 at the NCSML. The conference culminates with the NCSML's fall dinner on Oct. 30. Speakers from the U.S. and abroad will take their audiences from film to folk traditions to the tenth anniversary of the Velvet Revolution. In between, conference goers will savor authentic Slovak meals, see the bold colors of a folk costume program

and follow the whirling steps of Slovak dancers. Conference speakers include Martin Butora, Ambassador, Slovak Republic. The conference is sponsored by the NCSML; University of Iowa Center for Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies, (CREES); Embassy of the Slovak Republic; International Studies Program, Kirkwood Community College. Call (319) 362-8500 for information. Or visit us online at www.ncsml.org. Watch for your Fall Dinner invitations.

IN BRIEF

Museum Launches Magazine

The NCSML is creating a history journal this fall. The twice-yearly history journal is called *Slovo*. Content will include essays, photo essays, research articles, and book and film reviews. *Slovo* will cover a wide spectrum of Czech and Slovak topics on a national and international level—art, folk art, sports, history, politics, travel, etc. The journal will be available free to museum members.



Free Janacek Concert for Museum Members

NCSML members will be admitted free to a concert by the Janacek Chamber Orchestra in King Chapel on the Cornell College campus in Mount Vernon, Iowa, on Monday, Sept. 18. The concert, part of the college's "Music Mondays" series, begins at 8 p.m. Cornell has generously offered to waive the \$8 ticket price to encourage museum members to attend the concert by one of the leading ensembles of its type in the Czech Republic. Founded in 1964, the orchestra comprises 12 leading string musicians from the Janacek Philharmonic Orchestra, led by violinist Zdenek Dejmek. The program for the evening will be *Sinfonia in A Major* by Myslivecek, *La Follia* by Corelli, J.S. Bach's *Concerto for Violin and Strings in a minor, BWV 1041*, *St. Paul Suite* by Holst, and Janacek's *Suite for Strings*.

New Staff

Mariah L. Cook has joined the NCSML staff as an assistant in the Program Department. She replaces Heather Gibson.



Mariah, a native of Alburnett, is a recent graduate of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in history and African studies. She also completed a minor in museum studies.

Her main responsibility will be as weekend supervisor in the visitor services and volunteer areas of the Program Department.

Gallery Guide Coming Soon

Sometime in late September the NCSML will have a gallery guide available to hand out to all visitors to complement the self-guided gallery tour of *Homelands*. The 12-page guide is packed with information about the museum, library, gallery and Czech and Slovak culture and includes commonly asked questions, a six-page detailed description and map of the gallery and children's activities. Rockwell Collins has donated the printing cost of the guide.

NCSML Receives Grant

The NCSML is happy to announce it was among other Iowa cultural organizations that received a REAP/Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP) grant in May. The NCSML received \$13,890, which will be used to hire a project assistant who will computerize the museum and library's collection records.

Czech & Slovak Travelogue

The Czech Republic and Slovakia will be the focus of a travelogue on Oct. 24 from 2-3:30 p.m. in Ballantyne Auditorium, Kirkwood Community College, in Cedar Rapids. The travelogue, "Czech/Slovakia: Land of Beauty & Change," will be led by John Holod, whose grandfather emigrated to America from this region in the 1920s. This travelogue is one of six offered during the 1999-2000 Travel & Adventure Film Series season, sponsored by Discovery Living, Inc. Single tickets are \$5. Call 378-7470 for information.

GIFT SHOP NEWS

Music, T-Shirts and More

Are you ready to listen to some toe-tapping, energized Czech music? Your museum gift store has just received a new CD called *CzechMate*, performed by Druha Trava, one of the most popular and acclaimed bands in the Czech Republic, where they typically play to audiences numbering in the thousands. Druha Trava's songs range from original instrumentals and lively banter in Czech and English—to lively renditions of bluegrass classics and jazz standards. The band performed recently at the CSPS Hall in Cedar Rapids, where I personally witnessed the talent of these musicians. If you ever have a chance to see a Druha Trava performance, don't miss it. Until then, you can purchase *CzechMate* from our gift store for \$19 plus \$3 shipping.

If you are looking for traditional Czech polka and waltz music, The Leo Greco Band will be sure to please. Leo is well known in the Cedar Rapids area for the Sunday morning show, *Leo Greco's Variety Time*, on WMT AM radio. The band's music has been enjoyed for years by young and old alike. If you're looking for the Prune Song, the Clarinet Polka or other Czech tunes, you'll find the music on The Leo Greco Band CD or cassette. The CD is \$19 plus \$3 shipping. A cassette is \$13 plus \$3 shipping.

During the Slovak History Conference in October, the gift store will feature many Slovak items, including the Slovak World Congress Cookbook, flags, Slovak-English dictionaries, Slovak language tapes, Christmas tree ornaments, Modra, cornhusk dolls and more.

For more information, call me at (319) 362-8500. My e-mail address is giftstore@ncsml.org.

Shirley Rosencrans, Gift Store Manager

The gift store has a newly designed T-shirt representing the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Children's sizes (like this one modeled by Henry Muhlena) are XS (2-4), S (6-8) and M (10-12) for \$11. Adult sizes range from S - XL for \$15 and XXL for \$17 plus \$3 shipping.



Trip Acquisitions

As most of you are aware, this summer Dan Baldwin and I accompanied Heritage Tours on a two and a half week tour of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. I can finally formulate a mental image of the extraordinary cities, land, and people we represent at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. While soaking in the culture, we obtained several new acquisitions for the collections.

In the Czech Republic we found a WWI document with accompanying photograph. Encased in an intricately carved wood frame, they were originally presented to a soldier who served in the Czechoslovak Legions. Visitors can already see this artifact in the Three Struggles section of the *Homelands* exhibition, in conjunction with the recently added Library of



These three early 20th century puppets were purchased in Bohemia this summer, during Dan and Carmen's trip to the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Congress loans of the Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence and original letters from Masaryk to Wilson.

Other trip acquisitions include a sheepskin coat from a family in Východná, Slovakia, and a best man's hat and a woman's vest from Ždiar,

Slovakia. While in Bohemia we purchased three early 20th century puppets. In Moravia we acquired a traveler's cane. We also met a well-respected Moravian woodcarver from whom we still hope to acquire a carving.

On a personal note, the trip was a wonderful and fulfilling experience. Some of my expectations came true – such as the beautiful architecture of Prague and the quaint settings of some of the small towns. However, I was not prepared for the incredible natural scenery, the juxtaposition of modern and old lifestyles (especially in the Slovak countryside), the glaring remnants of communism (such as the monolithic apartment buildings), or how familiar the people would seem. I hope to enjoy many future trips to these two countries.

Carmen Langel, *Curator*

NCSML Web Site Has Been a Smashing Success

Visitors discover our museum through a number of different ways, including word of mouth, the media and the prominent traffic signs along Interstate 380. Additionally, the museum has had a web site for the past two years. This relatively new form of communication allows the museum to present information about the museum's attraction and activities to a whole new group of people in a way that's appealing and up-to-date. We consider our experience with the internet to be a complete success. Here's why.

When someone connects to the museum's web site at www.ncsml.org, they find the museum's "home page." This page is the entryway or index to other pages within the web site. The web site currently has 10 pages devoted to various topics such as exhibits, museum news and information, library, calendar of events, how to donate artifacts and

books, visitor information, membership, Heritage Hall rental, museum gift store, national news and events, Czech points of interest in Cedar Rapids, other web sites and Czech & Slovak organizations in the US.

As a clearinghouse of information, the museum also has a very extensive set of links to other web sites devoted to matters Czech or Slovak. Located at www.ncsml.org/links.htm, these other web sites are arranged according to subject, such as cultural and fraternal organizations, travel & tourism, arts and entertainment, reference, media, government, genealogy, museums, history and culture, business, and libraries with Czech or Slovak materials. If there is another web site with a Czech or Slovak connection, chances are it will be listed here.

E-mail has proven to be a great way to exchange information with or pose all sorts of questions to museum staff. Popular questions concern genealogy, Czech and Slovak history and culture, book or artifact donations, and gift store merchandise. The beauty of e-mail is that you can send messages quickly and efficiently, thus saving staff time and postage. A list of staff members and their e-mail addresses can be found at www.ncsml.org/museumnews.htm.

An internet "success story" started with a man wanting genealogical information. I directed him to a few different sources of genealogical information and thought that was that. However, I received another message from him indicating that he read an article in a fraternal organization's publication that the museum was mounting a new exhibit (*Homelands*) and inquired whether we would be interested in exhibiting his vintage 1935 Czech motorcycle. I forwarded this offer to curator Carmen Langel, who then secured the motorcycle loan.

David Muhlena, *Librarian*



ONGOING

Through Jan. 2: The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has added an exhibit of documents and photos on loan from the Library of Congress, including the Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence, a document released in 1918 and inspired by American democratic ideals. The exhibit includes photos and artifacts from the NCSML permanent collection, including never-before-seen photos from Prague Spring in 1968 and plane wreckage retrieved from the site where Slovak Gen. Milan Stefanik died in 1919.

Through Sept. 30: **A New World Presence: Czech Contributions to Cedar Rapids.** This Sesquicentennial exhibit of vintage photos and artifacts shows the indelible mark that Czech businesses and organizations have made in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

PERMANENT EXHIBITION: **Homelands.** The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library's permanent exhibition tells the story of the Czech and Slovak people from the days of Slavic tribes wandering into Central Europe, through the Velvet Divorce in 1993.

Oct. 15—Jan. 2: **"The World Through Romani Eyes"** Ripe with the sincerity of folk art, this collection of paintings showcases the non-professional art of Roma-Gypsies, a minority culture in the Czech Republic and Slovakia that has historically lived on the margins of society.

NATIONAL EVENTS

Slovak Heritage Festival

The Slovak Heritage Foundation will host its 23rd annual Slovak Heritage Festival on Sunday, Oct. 24, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, five blocks from Newark's Penn Station. Slovak exhibits begin at noon. The Slovak stage show starts at 3 p.m. A presentation to Americans of Slovak Heritage will be made to Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, actor Robert Urich and Broadway star Luba Gregur Mason. For tickets contact Margaret Zahorcak at

Mucha Exhibition Schedule

Oct. 16 - Jan. 2, 2000, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Mass.; Jan. 29 - March 26, 2000, Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis, Tenn.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 26: **Sunday Lifelong Learning Series.** 1:30 p.m. Dr. James D. Henderson, author of "Bohemian Decorated Porcelain," will present "Bohemian Export Porcelain: A Historical Overview."

Sept. 25: **"Symbolism in Moss Art"** 8:30-11:30 a.m. Peppertree Studios in Cedar Rapids is sponsoring a morning lecture at the NCSML by Peter Rippe, director of the Moss Museum in Waynesboro, Virginia. Moss collectors and the general public will learn from Rippe's talk. Tickets are \$15. Proceeds benefit the NCSML. Admission includes coffee, kolaches and a self-guided gallery tour. The lecture runs from 8:30 to 9:30, breaks for a gallery visit, then resumes at 10:30.

Sept. 26: Museum fund-raiser and unveiling of **P. Buckley Moss watercolor** of the exterior of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. From 3-5:30 p.m. on the grounds of Lakeside, the home of Tom and Nan Riley. Ethnic appetizers, beverages, entertainment, trolley rides, print sale. Tickets \$30. Limited number of tickets. Call (319) 362-8500 for information.

OCTOBER

Oct. 11: **Kava a Knihy (Coffee and Books),** reading discussion series. "The Ultimate Intimacy," Ivan Klima. 7-9 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall.

Oct. 13: **Sesquicentennial Learn at Lunch.** "Farm Market—A City Tradition." Lenora Jelinek Watson of Cedar Rapids will tell the tale of the city's Farmers Market. Free. Noon to 1 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

Oct. 18: **The Janecek Chamber Orchestra** 8 p.m. in King Chapel on the Cornell College campus, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Free to NCSML members. \$8 for non-members.

Oct. 19: Members' opening reception at the NCSML for **"The World Through Romani Eyes."** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nibble on cheese and crackers and explore the Romani culture through this exhibition of paintings by non-professional Romani artists.

Oct. 29 - Oct. 30: **Slovak History Conference.** This conference at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library will include discussion of the 10th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution, the role of Slovak American groups and Slovak life under communism. The conference includes the museum's **fall dinner** on Oct. 30.

Oct 30: **Fall Dinner.** 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. Heritage Hall.

Oct 31: **Sunday Lifelong Learning Series,** "A Sampling of Slovak Treasures," by Helene Cincebeaux. 2 p.m., Heritage Hall. Free.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 15: **Kava a Knihy (Coffee and Books),** reading discussion series. "The Widow Killer," by Pavel Kohout. Free. 7-9 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall. Free.

Nov. 17: **Learn at Lunch,** "What's on the Christmas Menu" Jana Burdova Cutler will show how to braid the vanocka and prepare "chlebycky" and other Christmas specialties. Free. Noon to 1 p.m., WFLA Heritage Hall.

Nov. 28: **Sunday Lifelong Learning Series,** "Slavik, Slovak, Slovene - What's the Difference?" by Dr. Josef Figa. 2 p.m., Heritage Hall. Free.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4: **Svaty Mikulas: A celebration of Christmas customs and traditions.** Watch demonstrators create ethnic arts and crafts. Join in the singing of "Vanocni koledy" (Czech Christmas carols). 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

Dec. 8: **Learn at Lunch.** "The Spider, the Mushroom and the Pickle." Shirley Rosencrans, the museum's gift store manager, will tell the legends and lore behind the eclectic array of Christmas ornaments sold in the museum store. Free. Noon to 1 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

Sunday Lecture Series

The last Sunday of each month is now set aside for a few hours of intriguing Czech and Slovak topics at the NCSML. Guest lecturers from around the world will share their gems of knowledge about a wide range of topics during the Sunday Lifelong Learning Series. Admission is free. The lectures begin at 2 p.m. On Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m. (to accommodate the P. Buckley Moss watercolor unveiling later in the day) Dr. James D. Henderson, author of "Bohemian Decorated Porcelain," will give a lecture titled, "Bohemian Export Porcelain: a Historical Overview." The talk is based on Henderson's years of research and information from leading porcelain experts in the Czech Republic. His book will be available for purchase and signing.

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Sister Mary Lou Podzimek

Memorial for Rose Bartunek Polehna
Helenka Claypool
Alice Kadlec
Edward Machacek
Rosemary and Leon Mulder
Aleta Bartunek Smith

Memorial for Bobbie Popelka
Inez Popelka

Memorial for Joseph "Bub" Pospisil
Rose Pospisil

Memorial for Deceased Members of
the Anne Reif Family
Anne Reif

Memorial for John and Anna Repka
James Repka

Leo and Bess Rigel
Irma and Leo Modracek

Memorial for Joseph and Anna Riha
Mary Suchy

Memorial for Josephine Rocarek
Edward Rocarek

Memorial for Frank A. Rohlena
Garland and Barbara Ashbacher

Memorial for Wayne Rosencrans
Marjorie and Edward Nejdil
Judy and David Ostrander
Pat and Marge Pace
Josie Velles
Esther White

Memorial for Walter C. and
Helen M. Schlueter
Louis and Gladys Hrdlicka

Memorial for Walter C. Schlueter
Edwin and Wilma Benish

Memorial for Diane M. Sedlacek
Elmer and Mary Rose Sedlacek

Memorial for Donald E. Smith
Elmcrest Country Club
Lenore Filip
Hills Bank
Renata Hruska
Robert Humphry
John and Bernus Kooreman
Ernest and Susan Kosek
Mary Jo and Milton Langer
Janet and Lewis Lowe
Wallace and Betty Milden
Frank and Cheryl Mitalvsky

Mary Jeanne Palmer
 Mary Ann Pochobradsky
 Lottie Pospisil
 Rick Pruess
 John and Suzanne Schenken
 Nancy and Norm Stranczek
 K.M. (Butch) Thompson
 Karen and Tim Tousey
 Vondracek Cousins Fund
 Karla Zahradnik

Memorial for Kveta and Don Smith
 Lois and Darrell Paulsen

Memorial for Helen Sojka
 Nancy and Norm Stranczek

Memorial for Marvin Soukup
 Patricia Soukup and Patrick Thrune

Memorial for Ben and Agnes Stanek
 Robert and Irma Vanourny

Memorial for Joseph and Elsie Stedry
 Harold and Janice Stedry Crowe

Memorial for C. J. "Jim" Stutzman
 Marlene Stutzman

Memorial for Charles Teffer
 Frank and Anna Teffer

**Memorial for Colonel
 Adolph C. Topinka**
 Lenore Topinka

Memorial for Ernest Trachta
 Darlene Trachta

Memorial for Hermina Trejtnar

Drs. Arthur and Marian Barnes
 Robert and Alice Bevenour
 George and Marilyn Chmelicek
 John Cimburek
 Eugene and Marie Emerson
 Vera Fager
 Marian and Roger Flink
 Bill and Marilynn Gaskill
 Kevin and Deborah Lindberg Gertsen
 Shirley Held
 Donald and Shirley Hulse
 Paul and Dorothy Hutchings
 Mary Kiley
 Joseph and Marianne Klinsky
 Donald and Grace Nau
 Marjorie and Edward Nejdil
 Lumear and Margaret Netolicky
 James Okey
 Merle and Elsie Prater
 Dr. and Mrs. William Rainbow
 Jack and Jackie Roland
 Vincent and Carole Ryan
 Olga Sedenka
 Harold and Ellen Skripsky
 Anna Unzeitig
 Mr. and Mrs. David Unzeitig
 Howard and Helen Unzeitig
 Walter Wasson Family
 WFLA Cedar Lodge #7

**Memorial for Adolf and
 Agnes Stepina Trojan**
 Mr. Stanley Trojan
 Charlie and Mary Vanourny
 Robert and Irma Vanourny

Memorial for Lumir (Larry) Vavra
 Irma and Leo Modracek

Memorial for Alan Vorel
 Janet and Lewis Lowe

Memorial for Robert Vrbicek
 Helen Christophersen

Memorial for Charles D. Vyskocil
 Charles and Lillian Vyskocil
 Richard W. Vyskocil
 Charles and Lillian Vyskocil

Memorial for Dorothy Wilkin
 Adeline and John Volesky

Memorial for Frank Zelezny Family
 Pat and Mildred Lynott Family

Memorial for Ernest Zenisek
 Adeline and John Volesky

Memorial for Al Zobal
 Marjorie and Edward Nejdil

New and Renewed Members: April 24 – July 31, 1999

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 Betty Benesh Atkinson
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 Dean and Janice Barnum
 Joseph and Mary Barron
 Mr. and Mrs. William J. Barron, Jr.
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 Barbara Beach
 Leo Behal
 John Behun
 Hedvika Benesh
 Benner-Bodenbender Family
 Helen Berg
 George Bernard
 Michael and Diane Bina
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 Walter and Dolores Bliss
 Reverend James Blocklinger
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 George and Scott Brunscheen
 Ardell and Marie Zakova Brynildson
 James and Doris Buresh
 Shirley and Arlen Cannon
 Gladys and Keith Carson
 Susan and Barry Carter
 Gerald and Lois Caslavka
 LaVerna Cecil and
 Tonianna Fairchild
 Willa Mae Cervenka
 Joseph and Esther Cervený
 Kathryn Chadima
 James and Helena Chikar
 Robert and Elizabeth Ann Choje
 Ruth Chovancek
 Andrew and Annette Balik Clements
 Vera and Don Conway
 Vera and Marie Dolansky
 Thomas and Miloslava Dousa
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 Heather Gibson
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 Ted and Susan Hutchison
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 Darlene and Donald Lodge
 Luchhardt Family
 Eugene and Sharon Machacek
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 Wesley Pohorsky
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 Mr. William Whipple
 Mr. Frank Winkler
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 Dr. and Carol Wolf
 Marguerite Wolffe
 Dr. Joseph Zacek
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New and Renewed Organizations April 24, 1999 though July 31, 1999

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 American Profol, Inc.
 Appleby & Horn Tile Company
 Armstrong-Race Realty Company
 Baker Paper Company
 Benchmark, Inc.
 Mr. Don Bustion
 Brenton Bank
 Brosh Chapel, Inc.
 CSA Lodge Woodrow Wilson #337
 Carfrae Meat Company
 Cargill Corn Milling
 Cargill Inc.
 Cedarapids Inc.
 Cedar River Paper Company
 Climate Engineers
 Collins Credit Union
 Colony Heating & Air Conditioning
 Czech Catholic Union
 Czech Heritage Foundation
 Dale Lee Distributing Company
 Dave Schmitt Construction Company Inc.
 Destinations Unlimited
 Diamond V. Mills, Inc.
 The EXE Club of Cedar Rapids
 Genencor International
 Herman and Phyllis Ginsberg
 GreatAmerica Leasing Corp.

Guaranty Bank & Trust
 Hawkeye Fire & Safety
 Highway Equipment Company
 King's Material, Inc.
 Klinger Paint Co., Inc.
 Lucky Awards & Engraving
 Manpower Inc. of Cedar Rapids
 Midland Forge
 Moyer & Bergman P.L.C.
 Nordstrom Oil
 Pardata, Inc.
 Penford Products Company
 Petroleum Equipment and
 Service, Inc.
 Primus Construction, Inc.
 Quass Broadcasting/Central Star
 Ryan Companies US, Inc.
 Schimberg Company
 Shive-Hattery, Inc.
 Shuttleworth & Ingersoll
 Skogman Companies
 Stickle Enterprises
 Thorland Company
 Toyota Motor Credit Corporation
 Weyerhaeuser Paper Company
 Wholesale Feeds, Inc.
 Zindrick's Czech Restaurant

Czech & Slovak 20th Century Struggle for Independence Added to Museum Exhibit

The Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence has been loaned to the NCSML from the Library of Congress through Jan. 2 and is now exhibited in the gallery along with a permanent collection of rare Prague Spring photos,

"Russians shot all over it with their submachine and tanks. It was done from them on purpose, so they can show us Czechs who is in power over the country. It was an ugly and dictatorial act ..."

Former Czechoslovak Television cameraman Vladimir Najdovsky, describing the scene in his 1968 photo.

plane wreckage and other Library of Congress documents that combined tell the tumultuous story of the Czech and Slovak path to independence in the last 80 years.

The three-part independence exhibit includes the English version of the Declaration of Independence, a document issued in 1918 and inspired by American democratic ideals. The Library of Congress loan, the first in what may be a series of loans to the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, also includes photos and letters from

Czechoslovakia's first president, Thomas G. Masaryk, to U.S. President Woodrow Wilson. The photos and documents were part of a Library of Congress exhibit, "The Birth of Czechoslovakia October 1918," which ran last fall in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit also includes plane wreckage, retrieved by an Ely, Iowa, minister, from the site where Slovak Gen. Milan Stefanik died 80 years ago in Slovakia. Stefanik, whose name appears on the Czechoslovak Declaration of Independence, is considered Slovakia's 20th century hero. On May 4, 1919, on his way to be named Minister of National Defense in the new Czecho-Slovak Republic, his plane burst into flames and crashed in Slovakia. A Moravian-born minister, Ludvik Burian, who settled in Ely, was at the scene of Stefanik's death and retrieved pieces of the wreck, including a wool cuff from Stefanik's uniform.



This photo of the National Museum on Wenceslas Square, one of the most treasured monuments of Prague, is pictured with heavy damage on the front of the building. The Prague Spring photo is now part of the permanent exhibit at the NCSML.



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