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Board of Directors Moves Ahead on Expansion Plans

Architects to be hired to do design concept

At its September 25, 2007 meeting, the NCSML Board of Directors voted to move ahead on expansion plans with unanimous approval of three items. 1) We need an expansion. 2) We should build only what we can pay for. 3) We should have a plan to fund ongoing operations.

The vote came after a set of board focus group sessions to review the results of a market feasibility study and space analysis by Economics Research Associates and discuss points of concern and agreement. The first action step was approved to hire an architect to design the expansion concept and provide cost projections. The search is underway. As part of that work, staff, board, members, and supporters will

be interviewed to provide input on the vision plan.

The energy, ideas, and passion of the board for the future of the NCSML is truly exciting. We plan to be bold in our vision as we take the next steps for the expansion. We want to include everyone in this plan for the future.

- Gary Rozek, Vice-Chair of the Board

In addition, the board established four ad-hoc committees with chairs: 1) a Building Committee to work with the architect, chaired by Gary Rozek; 2) a Case Statement Committee to work on the expansion vision, chaired by Jim Bahensky; 3) a Fund Raising

Committee to work with counsel on a feasibility study, chaired by Carey Gibson; and 4) an Operations Committee to make a plan for organizational effectiveness, operating revenue and staffing, chaired by Sue Plotz Olson. Work has begun on these various parts of the overall action plan.

As part of the planning process, we will do a visioning exercise with staff, board and representatives of volunteers, members, donors and friends. Part of this exercise is to describe the programming, or what will happen in the new space, which is a vital step in creating a space that will be exciting and serve the needs of the NCSML in the next five to ten years and beyond. We are confident that time invested in planning before the project moves forward is time well spent.

1968 Exhibition to open March 7, 2008



Only Exhibit in the U.S.

In March the NCSML will open an original exhibit commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Prague Spring

and the Soviet invasion of 1968. The exhibit will explore the demands for freedom and reform in Communist Czechoslovakia in the late 1960s, the part Alexander Dubček played in allowing these reforms, the role of intellectuals, students and workers in bringing about change, the growing alarm of the Soviet Bloc, and the dramatic invasion that ended the Prague Spring and ushered in the Soviet Winter.

The story will be told against the backdrop of world events of 1968, which was a year of unrest, protest,

demonstration and transformation worldwide. Artifacts for the exhibit will include items on loan from the Museum of Communism in Prague. Newspapers, magazines, and video and audio clips from the actual time of the events will help tell this fascinating story of freedom and oppression. To our knowledge this is the only exhibition on this important event in the United States in 2008. The exhibit will close January 25, 2009.

An opening reception for members and conference attendees will be held the evening of March 6.

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In the past museums often focused on objects, characterized by artifacts sitting on pedestals to be admired. Today we take a broader view. We realize that museums are about people, their trials, tribulations, triumphs and day-to-day lives. Objects are critical to tell those stories, but they are much more powerful when accompanied by words and actions. When told right, these stories give rise to ideas. According to Dr. Willard (Sandy) Boyd, president emeritus of the University of Iowa and The Field Museum in Chicago and member of the NCSML Advisory Board, when exhibits go beyond the “wonder” of the object standing alone and are designed to inform and stimulate visitor learning, they serve as fora for differing perspectives, and address important issues. Two activities this year have prepared the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library to do a better job of telling people’s stories and presenting different experiences. In June our friends Dr. Ivan Dubovický, Dr. Mark Stolárik, Dr. Mojmir Povolny, Nataša Durovičová, Dr. Bob Petrik, and Dr. Virginia Yans spent two intense days with staff discussing the history of Czech and Slovak immigration to the United States. This group of scholars will continue to advise on the development of our new permanent exhibition on the Czech- and Slovak-American experience over the next few years.



Peter Sís visited the NCSML October 1

Our oral history project in Iowa allowed us to begin gathering personal and community stories. Project researcher and *Slovo* editor, Sher Jasperse, and Library Director David Muhlena have collected oral histories from 65 individuals in seven communities across the state, plus documents and photographs. We have used this experience as a model to design a larger national oral history project to systematically capture the personal stories, family sagas, and community histories of émigrés and descendants of immigrants in important settlement communities across the country. Now we are actively seeking funding to make this proposed project a reality.

In the last two months we’ve had some very important visitors. Madeleine Albright visited for her fourth time, and buoyed our spirits by saying how much she enjoys the museum and admires our work. Peter Sís came by to promote his new book, *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain*. His presentation was so charming, the audience didn’t want it to end. Former U.S. ambassador to the Czech Republic Bill Cabaniss and his wife Catherine were guests at the Fall Dinner and we reminisced about the wonderful reception they gave to our tour group in October 2004 at the ambassador’s residence in Prague.

The expansion plan is gathering momentum and in the next several months we will work with architects to come up with a design concept and site plan so we can head out to talk with members and friends across the country about our vision. The board of directors is also engaged in preparing a vision statement, operating and staffing plans, and a fund-raising campaign. Of course, even as we plan for a capital campaign, we have to meet our annual goals to maintain operations at current levels.

As I promised in the Spring, inserted in this issue of *Most* is a list of memorial gifts from January 1, 2006 through November 15, 2007, which is almost two years of donations. Next issue we will report on giving (other than memorials) for the year of 2007.

In September I marked five years – can it be that long?! – as president/CEO of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Time passes quickly when the days are so enjoyable and fulfilling. The people with whom I work make it the best of all jobs – a great staff, engaged members, volunteers and board, and generous donors. Thanks everyone for your support of me and the entire staff. We are grateful for all you do to make the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library the special place that it is.

Best wishes for a blessed holiday with family and friends,
Gail Naughton

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The History of the Brave Czech Nation on Display Free Admission Provided by CRST, International

The History of the Brave Czech Nation opened November 2, 2007 in the Petrik Gallery with the exciting announcement that, due to a generous gift by CRST

International and John and Dyan Smith, the exhibit will be free to the public.

The exhibit is a larger-than-life reproduction of the pop up children's book of the same title. The book was written and illustrated by Lucie Siefertová in 2003 and won the prestigious Magnesia Litera prize in the Czech Republic. The original Czech version was enlarged and appeared throughout Europe, where over 250,000 people saw it. The English translation has been reproduced on 46 six-foot tall panels that form a labyrinth of time. The exhibit truly starts at the beginning- 35,000

years ago, with mammoths and early human hunters sprawling across the valleys of Moravia. Colorful cartoon-like characters take visitors through the settlement of Europe, the victories of Cyril and Methodius, the Přemyslids, the Thirty Years War, up to the founding of Czechoslovakia, World War II, Communism, and the momentous events at the end of the 20th century.

Arranged through the Cultural Section of the Czech Embassy, the exhibit will be on display at the NCSML through January 27, 2008.

New Staff and Promotions Build Team at the NCSML



Stefanie Kohn has been named the NCSML's new curator. Prior to taking this position, Kohn was the collections manager. Her background includes experience

in six different museums and two libraries. She has worked in a conservation lab, an education department, and as a tour guide and costumed interpreter. She served as the Director of the Lombard Historical Museum in Lombard, IL and was the Library Director at the Springville, IA Memorial Library.

Kohn began working at the NCSML in 1999 as the curatorial assistant. In 2004, she moved into the position of collections manager. In 2005, George Washington University created a program for graduate course work in collections management, via the Internet. Kohn was one of thirty students selected to participate in this pilot program. Originally from Indianapolis, IN, Kohn holds a B.A. in anthropology and Germanic studies from Indiana University.



Kelly Otto has been named the museum's director of membership and special programs. Prior to taking this position, Otto worked for Motorola,

as Manager of Technical Publications,

in Phoenix, AZ; EDS, Electronic Data Systems, as Manager of Customer Service, on the Alliant Energy Account, Cedar Rapids, IA; and was a community volunteer with Cedar Rapids School District and the Cedar Rapids Symphony. She has a B.S. in fine arts from Nebraska Wesleyan University with a minor in biology. Originally from Cincinnati, OH, Otto moved to Cedar Rapids in 1996.



Jason Wright has joined the team as Vice President for Development. In this position, Wright will be responsible for all aspects of fund raising for the NCSML:

annual, capital and endowment. Wright received his bachelor's degree from DePauw University (Indiana) and came to Cedar Rapids in 2003 to take the executive director position at the Cedar Rapids Symphony. Throughout his career he has been involved in performing arts administration and non-profit management and fundraising for organizations in Minnesota, Illinois, Texas, and Iowa.

Wright's ancestors came from Bohemia and Moravia in the early 1900s and settled in the Czech neighborhood of Berwyn and Cicero, Illinois. His maternal grandfather Frank Frantik was a 50+ year member of CSA Lodge Rovnost No. 53 in Cicero. Along with grandmother Marie Frantik, mother Millie Frantik Wright, and brother

Jeb Wright, four generations of Frantiks were involved in CSA and Czech activities in the Chicago area.



Tricia Bender has joined the team as Collections Manager. Bender is a graduate of the University of Iowa in anthropology with a certificate in museum studies.

She served as the Collections Manager and Museum Assistant at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Medical Museum. She also worked as an intern in the Collections of the Office of the State Archaeologist.



Janet Stoffer has been named the Director of Operations and Education. Formerly the Director of Education and Programs, Stoffer will now oversee

the visitor services area of the NCSML operation, along with giving expanded attention to the student educational programs. Stoffer has been on the staff since 2000. She has a degree in anthropology from the University of Northern Iowa and has completed graduate work in anthropology and museum science at Texas Tech University.

Sapphire Blue Glassware Gift on Display

September brought a lovely addition to the artifact collection at the NCSML. Mr. William Trotman, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, generously gave his mother's collection of blue cut glass to the museum. Named the Maude B. Trotman Collection in her honor, the set includes 34 pieces of sapphire blue cut and etched glassware. There are vases, decanters, bowls, goblets, lidded dishes, and a pitcher, tumbler, and plate. Mrs. Trotman began her collection before World War II, and continued to add pieces until shortly before her

death in 1962. Mr. Trotman stated that his mother collected "only the blue," and her children enjoyed giving her gifts to add to her collection. He told of his discovery of several sets of cut glass wine goblets. Each glass in a set was a different color, so he purchased only the blue glass from each set for his mother.

Blue Moods: The Maude B. Trotman Collection will be on display in the Laska Gallery from November 17, 2007 until April 6, 2008.



Milestone 10,000th Item Cataloged by the Library

The NCSML reached an important milestone in the history of the library. In July 2007, the 10,000th item was entered into the library's online catalog *Komensky*, which is accessible at www.ncsml.org/komensky.htm. These 10,000 items include books, CDs,



Library Director David Muhlena and cataloger Rebecca Bartlett celebrate the 10,000 item in the NCSML catalog

DVDs and VHS tapes. The 10,000th item cataloged is the recent Václav Havel biography *To The Castle and Back* (New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 2007), which was written by Havel and translated into English by Paul Wilson. This is the first English-language biography of Havel published since 2000. Havel, the president of Czechoslovakia from 1989-1992 and president of the Czech Republic from 1993-2003, visited the NCSML in October 1995, along with Bill Clinton and Michal Kováč, for the dedication and opening of the new museum building.

Funded in part with a grant from the Czech Heritage Foundation, the NCSML cataloging project began in the summer of 2003, and the online

catalog *Komensky* was launched the same year. Items entered into *Komensky* are also available in the international library database, *WorldCat*, as well. Our library actively collects materials focusing on Czech and Slovak arts, culture and history. We receive the majority of our books as donations from individuals, while the remainder, as with Havel's *To the Castle and Back*, are purchased. By making these catalog records available in *Komensky* as well as *WorldCat*, the national library database, these books are now accessible to both walk-in visitors at the NCSML and researchers around the world.

Mark Your Calendars

The National Bohemian, Moravian, and Slovak Folk Dance Festival will be May 16, 17 and 18 in conjunction with Houby Days in Czech Village. Folk dancers will delight audiences along with traditional activities at the museum and in the village, including folk art demonstrations, two parades, largest houby contest, houby breakfast, music, dances, and more. Watch the NCSML website for more information, www.ncsml.org.



Lipa Slovak Folk Dancers from Minneapolis walk in the 2007 Houby Days parade before dance performances in the NCSML garden.

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Slovak Christmas Creche On Display through January 14

New this year to Hruska Grand Hall holiday decorations is a Nativity Scene on loan from NCSML volunteer Dell Mills. The hand-carved wooden crèche was designed by master wood-carver Jozef Pekara and carved by Vladimír Tamko, in Prešov, Slovak Republic. It took three months to complete.

Unique to this crèche is a figure of a little boy crawling toward the manger. Pekara recalled as a child his most

prized possession was a wooden horse on wheels. He decided to add a child offering this precious gift to the Baby Jesus.

Hruska Grand Hall is decked out for the holidays with a 12-foot tall folk art Christmas tree decorated with traditional garland and hand-made ornaments. Exhibits on Svatý Mikuláš, Christmas Eve dinner, and holiday traditions add to the festive cultural display.



History and Culture Conference set for March 6, 7, & 8, 2008

The 2008 Czech and Slovak History and Culture Conference (HCC) will take place in Cedar Rapids March 6 – 8, 2008. This conference will continue the 20th Century in Retrospect Series with *1968 – 1977: Prague Spring, Normalization, and Charter 77*. Socialism with a human face, Alexander Dubček and the Prague Spring, the Warsaw Pact invasion, normalization, the anticommunist movement that culminated in Charter 77, these topics and more will be examined by top scholars and through first-hand accounts. To our knowledge, this is one of only two conferences in the United States in 2008 to address this important time period on the 40th anniversary of the Prague Spring and Warsaw Pact invasion. The conference will take place at the NCSML and at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Cedar Rapids, IA.

We are actively finalizing our list of speakers. A partial list of presenters and topics reveals a wide cross-section of viewpoints and subject matter. Among those planning to attend are:

Dr. Sharon Wolchik, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University, will give a general overview of the events of 1968.

Dr. Stanislav Kirschbaum, Professor, York University, provides the Slovak perspective of the Prague Spring.

Dr. Josef Mestenhauer, Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota,

discusses youth and education during this time in Czechoslovakia

Nataša Durovičová, ABD, University of Iowa, examines film's New Wave movement.

Dr. Kimberly Elman Zarecor, Assistant Professor, Iowa State University, looks at the architectural influences in Czechoslovakia at the time.

Dr. Marketa Goetz-Stankiewicz, Professor Emerita., University of British Columbia, will discuss the dissident writers and samizdat.

Renowned artist, author, and MacArthur Fellow Petr Sís has been invited to share his experiences growing up behind the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Kenneth Skoug, Member of the State Department staff in Prague from 1967 – 1969, presents his experiences in Czechoslovakia in 1968.

Dr. Paula Michaels, University of Iowa, provides the Soviet perspective and explains the Warsaw Pact invasion from their point of view.

Dr. Martin Palouš, Ambassador from the Czech Republic to the United Nations and Charter 77 Signatory, discusses the lasting impact of Charter 77. (tentatively confirmed)

Dr. Mojmír Povolný, Lawrence University, will present on the Council for Free Czechoslovakia and the exile movement.

Dr. Carol Leff, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science,

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, concludes the conference by discussing the continued nationalistic movement and Czechoslovakia's steps towards independence and nation building.

James A. Lovell, Captain, USN, Ret., has been invited to serve as our keynote speaker at Saturday evening's dinner.

Ambassadors Rastislav Kacer and Petr Kolař have tentatively agreed to attend.

Conference registration for the full conference is \$80 for members and early registration (postmarked by 2/14/08). After 2/14/08, registration is \$90 for everyone. One-day registration is \$50 (Friday or Saturday). Meals will be priced separately. Reduced room rates are available at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center for \$89+tax per night, through 2/14/08. To make your hotel reservation, call 1-800-396-2153 and ask for NCSML History and Culture Conference. The Cedar Rapids Marriott reservation number is 319-393-6600.

Watch your mail for full conference registration materials right after the first of the year. For more information, call or email Jan Stoffer 319-362-8500, jan@ncsml.org.

Winner of Golden Prague Getaway Drawn

Irene Taylor of Arlington Heights, IL was the lucky winner of the Golden Prague Getaway raffle of a trip for two to Prague. Her name was drawn at the fourth annual *BrewNost! International Beer Tasting* on October 5. Over 550

people participated as sponsors, patrons or attendees to the event this year, sponsored by Alliant Energy. Mark your calendars for September 26, 2008 for the fifth annual *BrewNost!* event and Golden Prague Getaway raffle.

Legacy Society Members Added

Two new members to the NCSML Legacy Society were recognized at the annual Legacy Society luncheon, May 24, 2007, Alicia Dee Dvorak Jackson and Bob and Jan Kazimour. Deceased members Millie Johnson, George Kalous, and Eleanor Jewett, were honored.

The Legacy Society was established by the board of directors in 2003 as a way to honor and thank those who have shown their commitment

to the mission of the NCSML in their estate plans. We now have 37 member couples and individuals and six deceased members. Legacy members help us to plan for the future – knowing of their intention gives us hope and confidence that we will have the resources we need to continue - forever. If you would like to have a confidential discussion about a legacy gift, contact Jason Wright at 319-362-8500 or email jwright@ncsmll.org.



BrewNost! Co-chair Danielle Rings, Board Chair Carey Gibson, President/CEO Gail Naughton, and *BrewNost!* Chair Diane Ramsey toast the success of the 2007 event. Over 475 persons enjoyed a spectacular evening. Goals for sponsors, patron hosts, silent auction, and raffle were exceeded, resulting in over \$60,000 in proceeds to support the programs of the NCSML.

NCSML Benefactor Passes Away

The NCSML was saddened to lose friend and benefactor Ray L. Jiruska, who died on November 17, 2007.



Ray L. Jiruska

Ray was born Oct. 9, 1918, in Cedar Rapids, the son of Frank and Hilda (Hulabar) Jiruska. Ray was a very enterprising man and work was a big part of his life. He served his country during World War II in the Army Air Corps while stationed in Texas. After the war, Ray returned to Cedar Rapids where he started a trucking business and later founded a bookkeeping and tax service business. In 1958 he started the second oldest major franchise of H & R Block, which grew to have offices in Eastern Iowa and the Illinois Quad Cities. Ray also founded the first Mazda dealership in Cedar Rapids in

1972 and was a real estate developer with many properties in Iowa and Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Ray was committed to his Czech heritage. He was very supportive of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and was responsible for financially supporting its creation as well as its endowment. According to President/CEO Gail Naughton, on his last visit to the museum a few months ago, he looked around and said, "We really did something here, didn't we?" He will be missed by all his friends in the NCSML family.

The NCSML traveling exhibit, *The Tragedy of Slovak Jews*, was on display in April 2007 at the Jewish Community Center in Kansas City, Mo. The powerful exhibit that was mounted at the NCSML from November 4, 2005 to February 26,

2006 is now available to travel to other sites. The exhibit consists of 33 panels and reproduction artifacts and posters. If you are interested in booking this exhibit for a venue in your area, contact curator Stefanie Kohn at 319-362-8500.



New Members Added to the National Advisory Board



Dr. Madeleine Albright



Mr. and Mrs. William Cabaniss



Dr. Sally Mason

The NCSML is pleased to welcome four new members to the National Advisory Board, **Dr. Madeleine Albright**, 64th Secretary of State of the United States, **Mr. and Mrs. William Cabaniss**, former ambassador to the Czech Republic, and **Dr. Sally Mason**, president of The University of Iowa.

In 1997, Madeleine K. Albright was named the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government. From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Albright served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and as a member of the President's

investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets.

Ambassador William Cabaniss was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic by Secretary of State Colin Powell in Washington, DC on December 9, 2003. He arrived in Prague on January 9, 2004, and presented his credentials to President Vaclav Klaus on January 13, 2004. He completed his service September 23, 2006.

Catherine Cabaniss was also greatly involved during their tenure in Prague, especially as an artist and supporter of the arts and artists in the Czech Republic. Since their return home to

Cabinet. Albright is a Principal of The Albright Group LLC, a global strategy firm, and Chair and Principal of Albright Capital Management LLC, an

Birmingham, Alabama, Cabaniss has retained a connection in the Czech Republic on the board of the Tatra truck company in Kopřivnice, Czech Republic.

Dr. Sally Mason became the 20th President of The University of Iowa on August 1, 2007. She holds a full professorship with tenure in the Department of Biological Sciences of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The daughter of a Czechoslovak immigrant family in New Jersey and the first child to attend college, President Mason received her B.A. in zoology from The University of Kentucky in 1972, her M.S. from Purdue University in 1974, and her Ph.D. in cellular, molecular, and developmental biology from The University of Arizona in 1978.

Members of the National Advisory Board serve as ambassadors for the NCSML, promoting our work and providing networking opportunities which allow us to further our mission.

Two Significant Gifts Inspired by Czech Heritage



Ed and Joan Hemphill

Donors of a memorial gift and an estate gift both cited their heritage as the inspiration behind their extraordinary gifts this year.

In July, Ed Hemphill, who is retired from Rockwell Collins and a NCSML volunteer, gave a substantial memorial gift in honor of his grandparents, Melichar J. and Barbara A. Polak. Ed's grandfather came to Iowa around 1902 from a village near Plzen and worked in a quarry as a dynamiter. When he had saved enough money, he brought

over his wife and four children. Ed remembers how his grandfather loved his garden and how he could argue on any subject, being a voracious reader and a self-taught man. Sunday dinners were grand affairs with all the family favorites like duck, goose, dumplings, and kolaches prepared by his grandmother on a wood-burning stove. With his gift, Ed wanted to honor the strength and determination of the Polaks who found the political and religious independence they sought in America while making a new life surrounded by family, friends, and neighbors. A plaque has been placed on the Wall of Memory to recognize the Polaks.

This year the NCSML received an estate gift of over \$220,000 from Eleanor Jewett in honor of her parents, Marie Soukup Nadeje and Charles Anthony Nadeje. Her parents immigrated to the U.S. after her father served his military duty. Her mother died soon after arriving in New York,

so her father raised her and the other young children. Their intention was to go to Cedar Rapids, but they never made it. Eleanor was born in New York on 72nd Street and lived there most of her life. Eleanor married late in life to Kirkwood Jewett from Des Moines, Iowa, who died just a year or two later. Although she might have returned to New York, she remained in Des Moines. Eleanor went on a trip to the Czech Republic with the museum in 1997. She talked of it fondly with Carmen Langel when she last visited her in May of 2006. Former NCSML board member Janelle McClain, who went on the trip, remembers sitting at a spa and having a beer with Eleanor, who enjoyed sipping a good Czech pilsner and visiting her parents' homeland. Eleanor died on September 29, 2006. Her estate gift was placed in the NCSML endowment according to her wishes.

Czech Hand-Blown Glass Ornaments for 2008

The new shipment of ornaments has arrived. If you are looking for a wedding gift, how about the Bride and Groom's First Ornaments Set @ \$55.00. The set includes 12 different ornaments and each one has a special meaning for hanging on their first Christmas tree together. Please come and visit the Museum Store or call for selection of ornaments. Shop early for best selection. If you would like the ornament personalized, you can have the name of the person and the year painted on the ornament for \$1.00.

BOOKS

Czech and Slovak Heritage ...Family Stories...Traditions and Recipes Cookbook compiled by the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library. Spiral bound, 436 pages \$22.00. Now in its second printing!

The Wall Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by author and illustrator, Peter Sis. I was born at the beginning of it all, on the Red Side-The Communist Side-of the Iron Curtain. In remarkable drawings and diaries, Peter Sis has brought memory and history together to take us on this extraordinary journey behind the Iron Curtain. HB \$18.00

Mucha by Sarah Mucha, HB \$40.00. A beautiful coffee-table book telling the story of Aphonse Mucha's life with biography, 4-color illustrations, family photos and more.

Other great gift-giving ideas: genuine Bohemian Garnets, dolls in ethnic costumes, wooden toys, Bohemian crystal, china tea sets with rose pattern, and more.

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