

# THE GUILDED PAGE

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Museum Guild Members:

Summer is almost here and what a beautiful time of the year. The abundance of flowers are ever so bright and fragrant. I hope you have all had a chance to observe the beautiful museum garden and its brilliant colors. Recently I passed by and saw two of our members diligently working the soil. Frank and Barb Edmunds deserve so much credit for this picturesque setting. Thank you for this lovely sight.

This reminds me of the new and wonderful ideas that have blossomed at the museum. Have you had a chance to see the new exhibit of artifacts and pictures illustrating Czech contributions to Cedar Rapids? Carmen Langel and her volunteers certainly portrayed their professional talents. It is so well done.



Museum Guild

SUMMER 1999

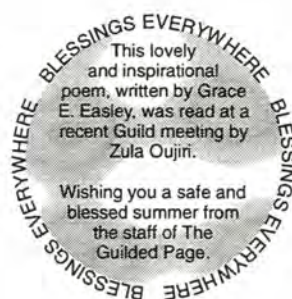
This is the type of progress that makes us all proud to be part of the museum. Think back over the past few years and reminisce about what has inspired you: The music of the talented Choir and Band, new friends, prominent speakers, your ethnic interests, or giving many hours being a volunteer to be a part of this great institution.

What ever your intent for volunteering, what IS important is the gratification of achieving and satisfying your goals and objectives in life. Thank you, wonderful people, for all you do; you know who you are. Have an enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

*Sylvia Rohlena, President*

## Blessings Everywhere



*When life starts to get you down, smile away that gloomy frown.  
If you stumble now and then, get right up and start again.  
You can have a sunny day, even if the clouds are grey.  
It all depends upon your view, which way the world appears to you.  
When you're tired of phony folks, check your wheels and mend your spokes,  
Get your wagon rolling where hearts are warm and people care.  
Waste not hours, months and years on bitterness and foolish tears.  
You're fashioned from a master plan designed when God created man.  
There's more to you than meets the eye, they only fail who never try,  
Make your life a microscope to magnify each joy and hope.  
Square your shoulders, lift your chin, toss your troubles to the wind,  
And the blessings you receive . . . even you will not believe.*

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## "Collecting Czech Glassware"

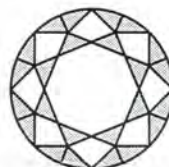
*presented by*  
Joyce Lamparek Anderson

Guild attendees at the May 1 meeting were given an interesting presentation by Joyce. She displayed her varied collection and pointed out that the Czechs were very artistic and used many different designs because materials were available. A lot of history was lost during the war, however, and some items marked Austro/Hungary were actually made by Czechs. As well as glassware, her collection also contained pottery. A popular theme was animals, especially the Amphora and Erphila pieces. Many of the designers were influenced by the Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles in the early 1900s.

Her collection contained old and new pieces of Royal Dux, still being made today in a factory twenty miles northwest of Prague. Their symbol is a pink triangle

with an acorn on the bottom of each piece. We were told that glassware made by Loetz between 1890 and 1930 is very expensive. Moser, another great artist, usually uses some gold trim in his designs. We had to agree with Joyce that some of the color combinations in her collection were very unusual and some were more attractive than others.

Joyce ended her presentation by showing us a long string of beautiful glass beads or buttons which was always given to the bride on her wedding day for good luck.



— Betty Truesdell

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT . . .

The mission of the Museum Guild of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is to support the activities, programs and facilities of the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library by providing unpaid volunteers, and other financial and charitable support, and to serve as an educational, service and social organization for persons interested in the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

### 1999 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Sylvia Rohlena
Vice President	Zula Oujiri
Recording Secretary	Betty Truesdell
Treasurer	Fern Fackler
Corresp. Secretary	Patti Marolf
Museum Guild Rep.	Marj Nejd
Ex Officio	Maridee Dugger

### 1999 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Bob Stone
Fund Raising	Beula Dvorak
History & Properties	Barb Pulkab
Membership	Milly Ortnr
Program	Marge Stone
Publications	Terri Spahn
Public Relations	Maridee Dugger

### 1999 MUSEUM GUILD MEETING DATES

**Monday, JULY 12, 1999**  
**Monday, AUGUST 9, 1999**  
**Saturday, SEPTEMBER 4, 1999**  
**Saturday, OCTOBER 2, 1999**  
**Saturday, NOVEMBER 6, 1999**  
**Saturday, DECEMBER 11, 1999**

Please note that July and August are Monday evening meetings at the Museum at 6:30 p.m., and that December 11 is the second Saturday of the month.



## MUSEUM CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 14 – Learn at Lunch: “Czech Impressions,” David Muhlena.** 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the Czech language publications (such as the *Slovan Americký* and the *Cedar Rapidské Listy*) that were printed in Cedar Rapids in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. *Free to the public.*

**July 27 – “Customs, Cookies & Crafts” (Summer Youth Program).** Join us to celebrate Christmas in July. Learn about the stories, games and crafts that are a part of the Christmas season in the Czech and Slovak cultures. Grades 2-3: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*

**July 29 – “Customs, Cookies & Crafts” (Summer Youth Program).** Grades 4-6: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*

**August 3 – “Eggs and More” (Summer Youth Program).** Join us to celebrate Easter in August. Learn about the stories, games and crafts that are a part of the Easter season in the Czech and Slovak cultures. Grades 2-3: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*

**August 5 – “Eggs and More” (Summer Youth Program).** Grades 4-6: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. *Registration fee; pre-registration required.*

**August 6 - 8 – Motorcoach Trip to Wilber, Nebraska, the “Czech Capital of Nebraska.”**

Friday, August 6: Accordion Jamboree and Parade. Saturday, August 7: National Miss Czech-Slovak Queen Pageant and National Historic Pageant. Sunday, August 8: Czech dinners, dancing and demonstrations.

**August 18 – Learn at Lunch: “A Snapshot in**

**Time,” Carmen Langel.** 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. View old photographs and take a look back at some of the early Czech businesses and organizations in Cedar Rapids. *Free to the public.*

**August 29 – Slide/Lecture Program, Leah Rogers.** 2:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about archaeological finds at old Czech homesteads. *Free to the public.*

**September 13 – “Káva a Knihy” Reading-Discussion Series. Talks With T. G. Masaryk, Karel Capek.** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall.

**September 15 – Learn at Lunch: “The Top Ten,” Rollie Raim.** 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. WFLA Heritage Hall. Learn about the ten events that shaped the history of the Czech and Slovak community in Cedar Rapids. *Free to the public.*

## GUILD COOKBOOK INFORMATION

**KUCHAŘKA KUCHÁRKA** — We still have a number of these wonderful cookbooks available. Order yours today! These make great gifts for any occasion. (See order form below.)

**QUALITY CZECH MUSHROOM RECIPES** is available for purchase in the Gift Shop at the Museum. A portion of the proceeds goes directly to support the Museum.

**MORE DUMPLINGS PLEASE!** — Melinda Bradnan, the publisher of our dumpling and mushroom cookbooks, needs more material for the dumpling cookbook. Have a good way to use leftover dumplings, or a great recipe that you serve with your dumplings? Please submit your ideas to: **Melinda Bradnan**,

### Desperately Seeking Sue and Dorothy!

Sue Sutton and Dorothy Newport submitted recipes for the mushroom cookbook. We would like to give them their free copies of the book, but we have no contact information for them. We would appreciate your help in finding these two contributors. Please call any of the officers if you can help us find Sue and Dorothy.

Please complete and mail the order form below to: **Beula Dvorak**,

## GUILD COOKBOOK ORDER FORM

**YES!** I would like to order **KUCHAŘKA KUCHÁRKA**, the Guild's very own cookbook, dedicated to one of our cherished founders, Mae Novotny.

Enclosed is \$12.00 per book (plus \$4.00 per book for shipping and handling, if mailed within the United States).

### MAILING INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of copies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please mail to the above address

☐ I will pick up



## MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 1999

After refreshments were served by Vera Conway and Olga Sedenka, the meeting was called to order by Sylvia Rohlena with 38 members in attendance. Zula Oujiri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY –

Milly Ortner  
**"ZELENA TRAVA":** Green grass

### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Betty Truesdell

Approved as read. Credit for the idea for the Endowment Fund was given to Zula Oujiri.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Fern Fackler

A balance of \$2342.40 was reported. Sylvia added that funding for expenses for the Mayors reception would be forthcoming from Iowa State.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S

**REPORT – Patti Marolf**

A thank you note was sent to Carmen for her presentation at the last meeting as well as to Mary Ann Berry for the donation she included with her dues. Get well cards were sent to Rose Kopecky and Zula Oujiri. A sympathy card was sent to Shirley Rosenkrantz in the loss of her husband, and a thank you note was sent to Dan Baldwin for his check to the Endowment Fund.

### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE – Marj Nejd

At Board retreat, so unable to be present.

### MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUN-

**TEER COORDINATOR – Patty Hikiji**

Also at retreat.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Fund Raising:** Sylvia Rohlena reported that sales of cookbooks are still good.

**B. Membership:** Milly Ortner

Milly stated that we have a membership renewal, Betty Wolfe from Mt. Vernon, which makes a total of 111 memberships.

**C. Program:** Marge Stone

Marge informed the membership that the program at the next meeting will be presented by Cecilia Oujiri on "Bosnian Immigrants in the Classroom." Also, the summer schedule for meetings will change to Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum.

**D. Publications:** Marilyn Tucker thanked Lavanda Woosley and the mailing committee. The next newsletter will be approximately June 30, and Cindy will need information by June 14. Sylvia thanked Marilyn and Cindy for the excellent newsletter.

**E. Social:** Barb Edmunds

Barb was not present, but did send thanks for

all who helped with the successful potluck held for the mayors from Slovakia.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Sylvia thanked host families for the mayors, the Czech Heritage singers, and all those who helped with the potluck.
- The doll given to Sylvia from Telgart, Slovakia was displayed.
- Don and Vera Conway were thanked for the excellent job on the new membership book, which will be printed.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Sylvia welcomed Zula Oujiri back after surgery, and we honored Anne Reif on her 94th birthday.
- Inez Popelka and Susan Uthoff will prepare recipes at the WMT Open Line on May 4.
- Pat Martin will be at a book signing at the Museum on May 8.
- The next Board meeting will be May 19.
- Olga Drahozal invited representatives to the Federation of Czechs meeting on May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church Hall. The speaker will be Jos. McGill, director of the African/American museum soon to be built. Olga also gave information on the Czech school for children which will be held from June 14 to July 16. The end of the school year program will be held at Wilson School on July 15. They will also have a field trip to the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah on June 25 and people are welcome to attend. Wes Drahozal informed us that the band concerts will begin May 7. The bandstand will be dedicated and the Koseks, donors, will be present.
- A Sesquicentennial concert will be held at Masyrk Park on June 4 by the Czech Plus Band and the Czech Heritage Band. Also, he recommended moving the boulder with the plaque honoring the Czech settlers from Riverside Park to Sokol Park.
- The Czech Bluegrass band, Druha Trava, will be performing at the CSPS Hall on May 5.
- Bills presented by Fern Fackler for the potluck and newsletter were approved.

Joyce Lamparek Anderson presented her Czech pottery and glassware collection along with information regarding artists and their styles, which was very informative and entertaining.

Zula Oujiri won the doorprize, an "I Love A Czech" keychain, donated by Marj Nejd.

– Respectfully submitted by  
 Betty Truesdell, Secretary



*The Museum Guild  
 of the National Czech & Slovak  
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## FALL SEASON TOUR

Saturday  
 October 2, 1999

## SPILLVILLE, IOWA

This will be a fun day with lots of variety! We will enjoy scenic Northeastern Iowa and the Czech settlement in Spillville, Iowa.

*Czech heritage preserved in  
 an Old World atmosphere . . .*

Bily Clocks/Dvorak Museum, historic St. Wenceslaus Church, Town Square Bandstand, Riverside Park and a craft show featured with the area's Fall Festival. In addition, we will be visiting the smallest church in the world at Festina. Please plan to lunch on your own at the Craft Show.

Depart: 7:30 a.m. from Hamilton  
 Business College

Return: 4:30 p.m. (approximately)

COST: \$21.00 per person  
 (minimum of 20 passengers needed)

Deadline: September 4 at the Guild  
 meeting, or September 18 for mailing.

Please make reservations  
 and payment to:  
**WOOSLEY TOURS**  
 (Guild member)  
 4316 Golf Street NE  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-5748  
 Tel: (319) 393-1742

Meeting hosted by Marge and Bob Stone





### MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 14, 1999

The Museum Guild met at the Museum at 6:30 p.m. with 28 members and one guest in attendance. Vice President Zula Oujiri called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Our visitor was introduced, Zula's daughter Cecelia Oujiri, who is the speaker for the evening.

#### CZECH WORD OF THE DAY –

Milly Ortnier  
"ZAHRAHA": Garden

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT – Barb Edmunds for Betty Truesdell

Corrections are as follows: Anne Reif is now 95. Under Membership, Betty Wolfe is a renewal of her membership. Approved as corrected.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT – Fern Fackler

The balance as of 5-31-99 was \$1,909.28. Disbursements were \$443.12 which included newsletter expenses and printing of program books.

#### MUSEUM REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

– Marj Nejdil  
No report.

#### MUSEUM PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – Patty Hikiji

The number of Guild volunteers recording hours in March were 44 with 457 hours. Number of volunteers in April were 49 with 479 hours recorded.

Special thank you's to all Guild members who helped with:

- "Easter Traditions" programming
- Baking demonstrations for "Learn at Lunch"
- St. Joseph's Day events
- Lecture and egg decorating instructions
- "Pub Night"
- "Celebrate with Dance" folk dance workshop
- Open Line Czech broadcast
- Houby Day

#### Upcoming events:

- Wednesday, June 16, "Learn at Lunch" program of Czech School by Patty Hikiji
- July 14, Program on Czech publications
- In August, a program "Snapshots in Time"

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**A. Education:** Bob Stone stressed the educational importance of attending the "Learn at Lunch" series. Attend this educational opportunity. In the fall, the Minnesota Czech & Slovak Genealogical/Cultural Society will hold a conference in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 13-16. Excellent programs, qualified presenters. Bob has copies of the program and registration information.

**B. Fund Raising:** No report.

**C. Membership:** Milly reported we now have 112 members, with a renewal from Robinette Sage.

**D. Program:** Marge Stone told of the July 12 program which will be presented by Mary Beth Slonneger on Goosetown in Iowa City. This will be at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, October 2, there will be a fall tour to Spillville, Iowa. She had printed details of this bus tour.

**E. Publications:** Marilyn Tucker will accept information for the next newsletter through June 15. Terri Spahn will do the fall and winter newsletters with Cynthia Tucker Shaffer doing the spring and summer. The mailing committee was a big help. They will meet July 1 at 6:30 p.m.

**F. Social:** Barb Edmunds reported that Irma and Leo Modracek will have refreshments for July. Marge Stone will help on this committee. Frank and Barb Edmunds have refreshments for tonight. Many thanks for all of the help on the potluck supper when the Mayors from Slovakia were in Cedar Rapids.

#### OLD BUSINESS

■ Thanks to the three ladies that were on the WMT Open Line Show: Lenora Watson, Olga Jung and Inez Popelka. They did a nice job.

■ Membership books are available tonight. Please get your copy. A nice job was done to get these finished.

■ July 12 meeting is at the Museum at 6:30 p.m.

■ On the mushroom cookbooks, the Museum Gift Shop receives 50 percent on each book purchased. We need to purchase these through the Gift Shop. Each person that supplied a recipe received a complimentary copy. The dumpling book is still in need of recipes for good ideas with the use of dumplings. We would like to get this one published also.

■ Zula read the Museum Guild's Mission Statement.

#### NEW BUSINESS

■ The door prize was won by Bob Tucker. It was another beautiful egg decorated by Marj Nejdil. We thank her for this wonderful donation.

■ Olga Drahozal informed us that Czech School has started with 58 students, lasting for 5 weeks. On June 18 the students will sing with the Czech Plus Band on the Avenue. The band plays from 7:00-8:30 with NO RAIN!

■ July 15 is the program with the ice cream social following.

■ The field trip is June 25 to the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah. The cost is \$15.00 for non-students and adults. Bus loads at 7:30 a.m. at Wilson School. Everyone is invited; please bring a sack lunch.

■ Olga reported on the Federation of Czech Groups meeting with Joe McGill, director of

the African/American museum. He presented information regarding the plans for their new museum and was very receptive to the ideas voiced by the Czech people who had helped in the development of the Czech Museum.

One good idea by Frank Edmunds was to start a youth group to help with the planning and get them involved in the very beginning. They will need much support for this project.

■ Frank Edmunds has been working on the Czech Boulder that was in Riverside Park. The city has moved it to Sokol Park. A plaque will be designed to explain why it was moved and what Sokol meant to the Czech people. The next project is to move the 3 flag poles that are hidden at the Bandstand. They will be relocated next to the Novak's building. The kiosk will be moved and repaired by Randy Novak.

■ Dale Todd, Parks Commissioner, wants to set up a task force of citizens that are interested in the Avenue and get their input for future projects.

■ Zula wants new ideas for Guild programs. Let's not forget the Czech students that are here each year.

■ Milly Ortnier thanked everyone for the cards while she was in the hospital.

The program was presented by Cecelia Oujiri on "Bosnian Immigrants in the Classroom." She teaches in the Waterloo School system which has 300 Bosnian students and has had students for three years. Her detailed experiences were hard for us to realize how we could do this job. We say "HAVLA" — Thank you for an interesting program.

— Respectfully submitted by  
Barbara Edmunds,  
Acting Secretary for Betty Truesdell

Cedar Rapids' Own

## CZECH PLUS BAND

"21 Years of Quality Music"

### 1999 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Authentic Czech music in the Czech Village

July 2 — **FREEDOM FEST CONCERT**  
at the NCSML



July 16 — "Old Tyme" Concert

July 30 — Concert at Sokol Park

August 13 — Czech Dancers

August 27 — "Little Pluses"

September 10 — Czech Heritage Singers

All concerts Friday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
in Kosek Bandstand in Czech Village except where noted.

For more information visit our website at <http://members.aol.com/czechplus>





## Czechoslovak Genealogical Society Int'l 1999 Genealogical/Cultural Conference



October 13 - 16, 1999

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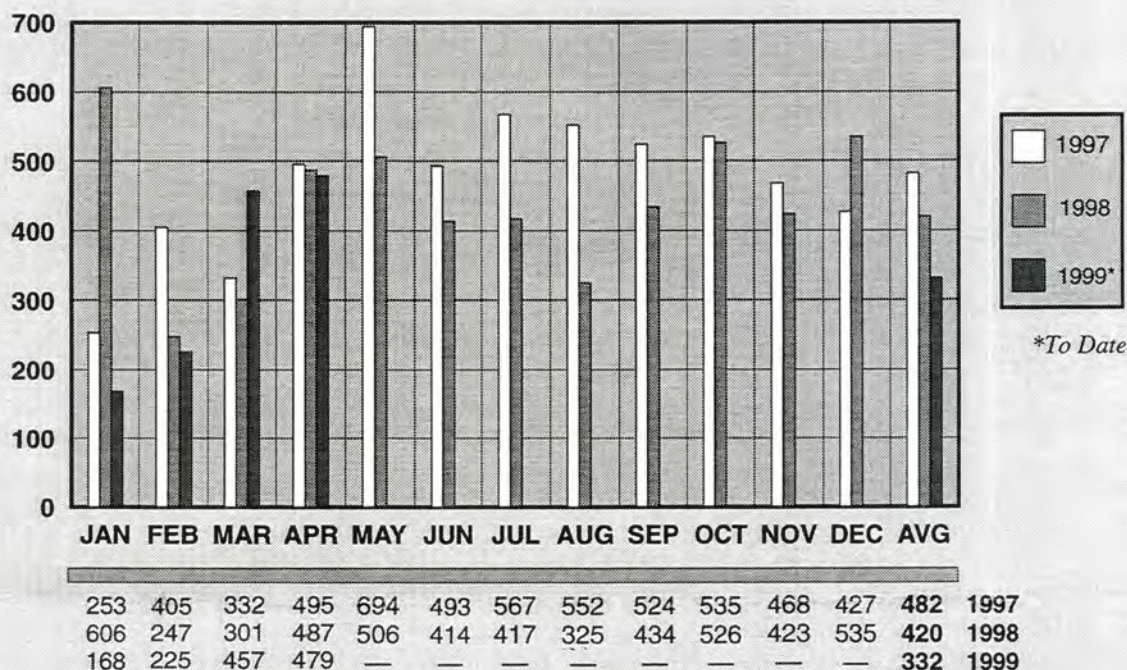
Don't miss the opportunity to attend this exciting four-day conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. Many superb events are planned including fascinating tours, seminars conducted by numerous highly knowledgeable speakers, special interest sessions, and much more. This is a singular chance to learn and experience more about our heritage and culture. For more information on the conference, please contact Bob Stone





## Guild Volunteer Hours

1997, 1998 & 1999\*



## TOP GUILD VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH & APRIL 1999

### MARCH

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in March . . . 44

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 457

Pauline Jasa	30
Terri Spahn	30
Betty Petrzalek	25.5
Barb Pulkrab	24
Anne Reif	20.5
Mana Zlatohlavek	17
Marj Nejd	16
Irma Rozek	15.25
Bob Stone	14.25
Hermana Rigel	14
Shirley Alexander	13.5
Laverne Fisher	13.5
Sylvia Rohlena	13.5

All data compiled and submitted with the monthly Volunteer & Museum Programs Report by Patricia A. Hikiji.

### APRIL

Number of Guild volunteers recording hours in April . . . 49

Number of Guild volunteer hours recorded . . . 479

Marj Nejd	44
Bob Stone	37
Marge Stone	27
Cynthia Tucker Shaffer	25
Anne Reif	24
Irma Rozek	20.75
Lenora Watson	20
Wanda Koutny	18
Inez Popelka	15.75
Dolores Usher	14.75

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers!

Upcoming in the Fall Issue of The Guilded Page

Our series of articles on the Museum Guild's

FOUNDING FIVE

will continue with a feature article on Charter Member

Evelyn Lamparek



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## UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

*We look forward to seeing you all at these wonderful programs!*

**JULY 12, 1999**

6:30 p.m. at the National Czech & Slovak  
Museum & Library

**"Goosetown — Iowa City"**

*presented by*

Mary Beth Slonneger

*Meeting hosted by Barb and Frank Edmunds*

**AUGUST 9, 1999**

6:30 p.m. at the National Czech & Slovak  
Museum & Library

**"History of Czech Village"**

*presented by*

Bob and Vilma Polehna Nejd

*Meeting hosted by Anne Reif*

**SEPTEMBER 4, 1999**

9:30 a.m. at St. Ludmilas Church  
215 21st Avenue SW

**"Tour of St. Ludmilas Church"**

*presented by*

Sister Christine Elias

*Meeting hosted by Maridee Dugger and Terri Spahn*

## WELCOME to Our Newest Members!

Merrill Woosley and Venda Jasa have joined the Museum Guild as our newest members. We welcome them to our organization!

**MERRILL WOOSLEY**

**VENDA JASA**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

The Museum needs as many volunteers as possible.

Please contact anyone you know that might be interested in helping with the work of the Museum and the Guild. Volunteering is most self-fulfilling and self-satisfying, so give yourself and your friends the opportunity to experience the great joy of giving.

Please contact Patty Hikiji today at 362-8500.