

THE GUILDED PAGE

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Guild members,



SUMMER 2004

One of our major fundraisers saw yet another success! During the latest Taste of Czech and Slovak we met our fundraising goal and netted over \$1,100. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our members who put countless hours into the planning and execution of this fine event. All food and drinks were wonderful (judging from the face expressions of our customers) – so THANK YOU very much to everyone who participated, as well as to all who contributed with donations. Thanks also to Irma Kelly and her fundraising and social committee members - your expertise contributed a great deal to the big success of this event. Děkujeme!

Earlier in June, our new cookbook project was launched with a mass mailing. This mailing reached most of you as well, and I would like to use this opportunity to urge you to submit your stories and recipes, if you have not done so yet. You can read more about the progress of our cookbook project in Beula Dvorak's article further in this issue.

Speaking of fundraising projects – I would like to remind everyone that we are still considering to participate at this year's Ethnic Fest to be held in the

Czech Village on September 18 and 19. If you have ideas for sweet or other treats we could bake and sell, please contact any of the officers or speak up at the next meeting, and we will put your suggestions on the list.

To watch the progress of our website project, visit the Museum website and click on the Guild link – you should see things changing (hopefully for the better)!

Before closing, I'd like to say thank you on behalf of the entire Guild to Vera Conway's husband, Don, for printing this year's Guild member list. And also many of you deserve another BIG THANK YOU for helping at the recent Dance Festival – I heard this festival went extremely well, and I'm sure it was also thanks to the generosity and helping hands of the many volunteers from our Guild. Patty Hikiji gives some statistics about this event inside the issue.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and the beginning of the coming fall.

S pozdravom,
Andrea Kováčová Siebenmann

*10th Anniversary of the Museum Guild
1994 – 2004*

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GUILD COOKBOOK

The Guild Cookbook Committee has met several times, and plans are underway for the new cookbook. The new cookbook will be unique in that it will be a national cookbook, filled with history and recipes of Czech- and Slovak-American communities and individuals.

You should have received the letter of invitation and forms for submission of your stories and recipes for this exciting project. **Please send them in or bring to the Guild meeting on August 9.**

The cookbook is currently scheduled to be available for sale in May, 2005. We hope to have the "grand opening" in conjunction with the *Taste of Czech* next year.

The Cookbook Committee includes, Shirley Alexander, Irma Kelly, Andrea Siebenmann, Marilyn Tucker, Jan Stoffer, Virginia Wilts and Beula Dvorak. If any other Guild member is interested in serving on the Cookbook Committee, please contact Beula Dvorak at 895-8206.

— *Beula Dvorak*

2004 MUSEUM GUILD OFFICERS

President	Andrea Siebenmann
Vice President	Shirley Alexander
Treasurer	Virginia Wilts
Rec. Secretary	Carolyn Holubar
Corres. Secretary	Betty Truesdell
Museum Guild Rep.	Leo Modracek
Ex-Officio	Beula Dvorak

Ask Me!

Membership Campaign
June 1, 2004 — September 6, 2004

Who?	All NCSML Volunteers
What?	Membership Campaign
When?	June 1 through September 6, 2004
Why?	An increase in memberships means an increase in funds to support the operation of NCSML. (If each volunteer sold at least one new membership, we could increase our membership by 10%.)
Where?	Memberships may be solicited during on (or off) duty hours from potential members residing anywhere in the United States, Canada, or other foreign countries.

Special Event:

"Ask Me Party"
7:00 p.m.
September 7, 2004
WFLA Heritage Hall
For all volunteers who participated in the membership campaign.
Fun!
Food!
Prizes:
Surprises!





Meeting Minutes

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

Held at NCSML on May 8th, 2004 at 9:30 AM.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Carolyn Holubar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members were introduced: Milena Novosad and Jan Smolik.

Czech word of the day given by Milly Ortner:
Den Máték or svatek máték – means Mothers' Day.

Delicious refreshments were served by Dolores Usher, Fran Johnson and Irma Kelly.

Secretary's Report: The reports from the months of February, March and April are presented in the Spring 2004 issue of the Guilded Page.

Corresponding Secretary: Betty Truesdell was not present, Carolyn Holubar read a letter that was sent to the Guild from Gail Naughton thanking the Guild for the generous contribution of \$1,000 to the Exhibit Fund.

Treasurers' Report: Virginia Wilts was not present, Andrea Siebenmann gave the report. Checking Acct. Bal. as of 3-31-04 is \$4,001.99. Dues collected from 4-1-04 through 4-30-04 equals \$90.00. Sale of two aprons on 4-30-04 was \$20.00. Interest on 5-05-04 was \$2.43. Beginning Balance plus deposits: \$4114.42. Disbursements: 4-1-04 – Exhibit Fund \$1,000. Treasurers Checking Acct. Balance as of 4-30-04 equals \$3,114.42.

Museum Representative: Leo Modracek stated they met for a planning meeting on 4-24-04; it was interesting but no report yet.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

Patty Hikiji was not present so Jan Stoffer Tursi gave her report. Number of Guild members recording hours in April – 50

Number of hours recorded 3729.

Top Ten List for April:

Gail Naughton	720.00
Carolyn Holubar	552.00
Mel Holubar	543.00
Bob Stone	540.00
Marge Stone	540.00
Irene Konecny	360.00
Marilyn Tucker	43.50
Dolores Usher	32.75
Marj Nejdil	26.00
Marjeanne Jungjohann	23.75
Ann Kloubec	20.75

Note: The large number of hours recorded for April was due to the fact that six Guild members home-hosted members of the Silesian Choir from Ostrava, Czech Republic for 7 ½ days. The hosts' hours were multiplied by the number of guests they housed, fed, did laundry for, transported, and in a wide variety of ways, entertained. Gail and Dennis Naughton housed 4 guests, Mel and Carolyn Holubar housed 3, Bob and Marge Stone housed 3, and Irene Konecny housed 2.

Programming Notes

On Thursday, May 20th, our Learn at Lunch program will feature the third part of Bob Stone's presentation on the life and accomplishments of Tomas G. Masaryk.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising: Taste of Czech is this coming weekend. Need more volunteers to bring food and to work.

Membership: We currently have 104 members. Seven have been deleted; Mildred Chadima. Roberta Cline. Barb Edmunds. Willie Field. John Rocarek and Marlene Schrimper.

Program: Zula Oujiri was not present. Rose Kopecky gave her report. The speaker for this month was canceled due to the hour change, the next program will be held on June 14, at 6:30 PM presented by Peggy Whitworth from Brucemore.

Garden: Vicky Cekelis will be calling members to help beautify the gardens as soon as the weather cooperates.

Publications: Marilyn Tucker will be mailing the next quarterly newsletter on August 2nd, 2004.

Social: Our hosts for the month of June will be Gary Dvorak, Fern Fackler and Milly Ortner.

Education: Jan Stoffer Tursi reported for Bob Stone. Belle Plaine "First Graders" came and made cloth and straw string decorations for our Christmas tree.

Old Business: A copy of the budget was given to the membership for discussion, and was approved.

Irma Kelly needs ideas for a special fall fund-raiser.

The cookbook project will probably cost more money than was predicted, very hard to know the exact amount.

New Business: There was considerable discussion about the Museum members donating to the Endowment Fund. Gifts given should be recognized individually and specify where the money is to be used, otherwise it is used for the operating fund.

Jan Stoffer Tursi, Carmen Langel, Josie Velles and Gail Naughton are working on this presently.

Andrea Siebenmann suggested a link to the current Home Page web site be updated on the Internet.

Door Prize Drawing: Marj Nejdil donated a decorated gift bag and a decorated heart shaped ornament.

Adjournment at 10:30 AM. Next meeting will be held on June 14, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar

Meeting Minutes

The Museum Guild of National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.
Held at NCSML on June 14, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Shirley Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Refreshments were served by Fern Fackler, Gary Dvorak and Milly Ortner, beautiful "fireworks display" accompanied by decorated cookie "stars", nuts and 4th of July theme plates and napkins.

Czech word of the day given by Bob Stone. Good Evening
Czech – Dobry večer
Slovak – Dobry vecer

Secretary's Report: Carolyn Holubar read highlights of last month's notes.

Corresponding Secretary: Betty Truesdell was not present. Shirley Alexander read a letter from Gail Naughton commenting on our activities and monetary support, and that the entire museum is grateful.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Virginia Wilts. Checking Acct. Bal. as of 4-30-04 \$3,114.42. Dues collected 5-5-04 \$30.00. Taste of Czech 5-15-04 \$1,152.45. Cookbook sales 5-15-04 \$60.00. Interest 5-31-04 \$2.52. Total deposits \$1,244.97. Interest \$0.10. Beginning balance is \$1,245.07. Disbursements 5-15-04 to Marilyn Tucker \$146.71. Treasurers Checking Acct. Bal as of 5-31-04 is \$4,212.78.

Museum Representative: Leo Modracek reported the board members held their meeting on long range planning on 5-25-04.

They have three priority items:

1. Endowment growth
2. Improvement and development
3. Sustain quality events.

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Patty Hikiji was not present. Jan Stoffer Tursi gave her report. Muzika sponsorship \$140,000 was pledged. \$100,000 is here.

There will be a Beer Tasting event held on Sept. 24, 2004 to raise \$20,000 for the museum-operating fund. The Volunteer & Programs Report for May was given to me by Patty. Number of Guild members recording hours in May – 54.

Number of Guild hours recorded – 596.25.

The Top Ten listed are:

Dolores Usher	39.00
Mel Holubar	30.00
Ann Kloubec	27.50
Charles Opatrny	26.50
Lillian Kopecky	20.00
Bob Stone	18.75
John Cimburek	17.50
JoAnne Neff	17.50
Mana Zlatohlavek	17.50
Carolyn Holubar	17.00
Leo Modracek	15.50
Milly Ortner	15.50
Andrea Siebenmann	15.00
Marilyn Tucker	15.00
Dorothy Voelkers	15.00
Ellsworth Voelkers	15.00

Museum Development Committee:

Carmen Langel explained the new "Ask Me" campaign to acquire new members. She also said a lot of volunteers will be needed for the Beer Tasting event. The benefits and opportunities of membership were listed. She would like to increase the membership 10% over last year.

Membership: Milly Ortner updated the membership listing of all the names, addresses and phone numbers. We all received new membership booklets.

Program: Rose Kopecky introduced Ingrid Wensel. She spoke on the "Area Heritage Agency for Aging". An extremely interesting dissertation on what is available for home and community based services for the frail and elderly.

Garden: Carolyn Holubar updated news of the gardeners for Vicky Cekelis, who was not present.

Publications: Gail Naughton lauded Marilyn Tucker and The Guilded Page. The next mailing will be approximately July 30th.

Social: Our next meeting will be hosted by Irma Rozek, Vera Hanson and Mana Zlatohlavek.

Education: There are many opportunities here in the museum to add to our education.

History & Property: Marge Stone brought three guild memory books to circulate here this evening.

Public Relations: Shirley Alexander talked about how to increase our income. With the "Ethnic Fest" we could have a station to sell 'ready to eat' food and show ethnic orientated crafts for a fee of \$25.00.

Old Business: Marge Pace had some discussion about the lack of volunteers staffing the three stations. At times a volunteer will staff all three stations at the same time and other times three volunteers staff the three stations. Could a survey be included in the newsletter to increase our volunteer staff?

New Business:

Possibly a sheet of paper could be sent around at the next meeting to list where the "housed Visitors" were entertained, and what they enjoyed the most, as a guide line for the office when we are to house visitors in the future.

Door prize drawing: A lovely Modra vase with a stem of blue flowers was donated by Marj Nejd, and was won by Bette Krall.

Adjournment at 8:40 PM by Leo Modracek and seconded by Virginia Wilts.

Next guild meeting will be on July 12, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Holubar



Vera Hanson shows a "Family Treasure"



Meeting Minutes

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

Held at NCSML on July 12, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

President Andrea Siebenmann called the meeting to order and Shirley Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Refreshments were served by Irma Rozek, Vera Hanson and Mana Zlatohlavek. They presented a lovely patriotic theme with beautiful red, white and blue flowers.

Czech Word of the day given by Bob Stone.

Czech and Slovak Dobry Vecer are "good evening".

English - good night.

Czech - Dobrou Noc

Slovak - Dobru Noc

Secretary's Report: The June report will be printed in the Guilded Page.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

A greeting card was signed by everyone and will be sent to Don Conway.

Treasurer's Report:

Given by Virginia Wilts. Chkg. Acct. Bal. as of 5-31-04 is \$4212.78. Cookbook and dues collected on 6-11-04, \$58.00. Total deposits \$58.00.

Disbursements: Area Heritage

Agency for Aging, \$25.00, Fern Fackler - Taste of Czech, \$35.35.

Postmaster - cookbook letter \$350.00.

Treasurers Chkg. Acct Bal. 3,860.43.

Museum Representative:

Leo Modracek said there was no meeting, but we will be having the Dance Festival this weekend.

Volunteer Coordinator & Program reports:

Patty Hikiji reported the Number of Guild members recording hours in June - 45. Number of Guild hours recorded - 514.75.

Top Ten listed are:

Gail Naughton 60.00

Dolores Usher 47.75

Gary Dvorak 21.00

Shirley Alexander 18.00

John Cimburek 18.00

Carolyn Holubar 18.00

Evelyn Dvorak 17.50

Laverne Fisher 17.50

Lillian Kopecky 17.50

Ann Kloubec 17.00

Marge Pace 16.00

Alicia Jackson 15.00

Lydia Elias 14.00

Ed Hemphill 14.00

Joan Hemphill 14.00

Lenora Watson 13.00

Program Notes: The Learn at Lunch program, July 15th, will feature Dave Franklin Kralik of KMRY radio. His topic is "The Changing Face of Polka Music in America from a Broadcaster's Perspective."

Committee Reports:

Cookbook: Beula Dvorak initially sent out 2600 letters for recipes. 26 were returned so far. We were able to use the Museum "bulk rate" mailing. The addresses were gathered from the Museum and Guild lists of names.

Membership: Milly Ortner had extra copies of our membership address listings.

There was some discussion concerning Cole Sanchez, being under age, he is not allowed to work in the Gift Shop. Hopefully other projects will be found for him to participate in at the Czech & Slovak Museum & Library.

Program: a very lively program was given titled "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" concerning the sensitivity of transferring personal property to family members and managing conflicts if they occur.

Garden: Mel Holubar complimented Vicky Cekelis on the lovely flowers that were donated to her from Pierson's Flower Shop. Vicky, Leo Modracek, Carolyn and Mel Holubar planted five flats of flowers around the Immigrant House and in the surrounding gardens.

Publications: Marilyn Tucker would like articles sent to her by July 15th, mailing will be around July 30th.

Social: Irma Kelly is not present. Next month Bette Krall, Barb Pulkrab and Vera Conway will be our hosts.

Education: Bob Stone said there are many opportunities for quality educational programs, which will provide good educational experience.

Old Business: No updates on the Ethnic Fest.

Papers were passed around for the volunteers to relate and share volunteer experiences and stories. The deadline to Marilyn Tucker is July 24th.

New Business: Carmen Langel will write a Thank You note to Pierson's Flower Shop for the beautiful flowers they donated.

Other: More food is needed for the brunch for the entertainers at the Festival.

Milly Ortner will make an appearance at the History Center on August 15th from 2:00-4:00 PM, and will talk about Czech Radio.

Door Prize Drawing: won by Lydia Elias, a decorated 'fanny pack' donated by Marj Nejd.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

Next Guild meeting to be held on August 9th, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Holubar





My Volunteer Experience at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Testimonials

While working in *MUZIKA* I met a young couple with a four year old who was *really* enjoying the musical instruments. I got talking with the young father and found out he was from the Czech Republic (came over about seven years ago). He learned to be a brick layer and according to him "a very good brick layer!" His natural father had taken pictures in Prague during the revolt in 1968 and was executed for it. His mother later remarried. He was proud to be an American citizen and is a hard worker. He has taken his wife and son back to the Czech Republic to see his family.

Another time while working the Homelands I met two young brothers who were brought in by their grandmother. The one man was a Lt. in the Air Force stationed in Japan. He was back in Cedar Rapids to attend his brothers college graduation. The Lt. brought with him his fiancée who was from Australia, they had met in Japan. She was there to teach English. They plan on returning to Japan to be married. Two people from two different countries being married in a third country, truly the world is getting smaller.

The two brothers help their babi make kolace. What was even more interesting was the Lt. favorite kolace were the same as mine-Cottage Cheese and Poppy Seed!!

I have other experiences but I thought two would be enough.

— Gary Dvorak

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One reason I enjoy being a volunteer is because a friend of mine volunteers on the same day as I do each week. Also, I have made a lot of new friends.

It is great to meet and talk with visitors from all over the United States. Especially interesting are the visitors of Czech or Slovak descent and the occasional visitors from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

— Laverne Fisher

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The highlight of volunteering for me is all the wonderful people I continue to meet, the friends of friends I meet and the old friends I see.

As an example, on one of my regular Tuesday mornings over two years ago, Pat Kent said to me, "our new volunteer knows you" — and — yes, indeed I knew Evelyn Cadle — we had worked together over forty years ago!

At that time she was a young mother and I was dating my husband. Although we didn't socialize, we shared a common bond — we admired and respected our employer and dedicated ourselves to doing our jobs in the very best way possible.

Soon after that Tuesday morning, Evelyn and I discovered we had many of the same interests and, since we were both widows, decided to do some things together. Since then she has met my family and friends and I have met her family and friends and in various combinations we have enjoyed many things.

I introduced Evelyn to classic cars (last June we did the Motorloway 500 together — Davenport to Council Bluffs) and she introduced me to the many interesting programs and concerts available in the area. Had it not been for volunteering at the museum, I doubt we would have become re-acquainted.

P.S. Our most ambitious venture — to date — is the museum's tour to Czech Republic & Slovakia in October. After that — who knows what may be next!

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— Alicia D. Jackson





### My Volunteer Experience at the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library Testimonials

As a museum guide, I have met some interesting visitors. Sometimes I have learned a lot from a visitor. Dr. Ivan Dubovický, a professor of Ethnology at Charles University in Prague, was an informative visitor. He talked about the first translation of the bible into the Czech language at Kralice in 1587. He told me that some old Czech traditions are being revived such as the opening of a water well in the spring with a large key. He also explained to me that the Moravian Brethren Church was first established in Germany and that the majority of the members were Germans although some members were Czechs who had emigrated from Moravia. He also told me about Augustine Hermon, who is the first well known Czech immigrant to America. He arrived in 1633 and surveyed the coastal areas of Maryland and Virginia.

Sometimes a guide has the opportunity to establish a friendship with a visitor. In December of 1993 a Slovak high school exchange student visited the museum with her high school librarian. The student's name was Andrea Kubová. She thoroughly enjoyed the museum, but it appeared that she was homesick. At the end of the tour, there was a display, related to the Czech National Opera **The Bartered Bride**. Andrea and I sang

the chorus together in Czech and then she began to cry. It was clear that we had formed a friendship and she was reluctant to leave. Fortunately, my wife Marge was working in the gift shop so she also talked with Andrea and the school librarian. We made plans to meet with Andrea at the home where she was staying in Dunkerton, Iowa. Thereafter, we spent many weekends together visiting and sightseeing. Her friendship was very special and we often think about her.

— Bob Stone

I am a volunteer for the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library and I can't get a better place to use my spare time. It's only three hours in the a.m. and three and a half hours in the p.m. with double time on holidays. I volunteer at Homelands as well as the Immigrants House. You meet so many nice friendly people from all parts of the country and world.

This week I received many compliments on our beautiful museum. A fellow from Minnesota said who ever sets up the museum surely knows what they are doing. . . . Remarkable!

Two weeks ago an eighty-one year old lady who happened to be from Minnesota said a picture in the Czech artist room was a distant relative of her husbands family. He was a violinist in the early 1900's. They remarked how much he looked like the nephew of today.

Not only do you get to meet several nice people, we have several pot lucks and meetings with food. I say, come and . . . join us, don't knock it, try it, you might like it. You don't have to be a Czech!

— Ellsworth Voelkers

Editors Note:  
Thank you Gary Dvorak, Laverne Fisher, Alicia Jackson, Bob Stone and Ellsworth Voelkers for sharing your volunteer experiences with our Guild Members.

We will be printing more testimonials in the next issue so there is time to send yours in. We look forward to hearing from you.



## FOUNDER'S DAY CAKE

- 1 Lemon Cake Mix
- ½ Cup Oil
- 4 Eggs

Mix first three ingredients for 3 minutes

Add and mix:

- 3 T Poppy Seed
- 1 t Vanilla

Add and mix:

- 1 Cup very warm water

Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan.

Bake at 350° about 30 minutes (until toothpick inserted will come out clean). Frost with favorite white icing.

*From the Recipe File of Marge Stone.*



Founder's Day Cake

served at Tenth Anniversary celebration of Museum Guild  
(cake decorated by Vicky Cekelis,  
daughter of Founder Sylvia Rohlena)



Thank you to Mana Zlatohavlek for sharing this with the Guild Members

## A VERY HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPH

(Taken from *Ceskoslovensky Tydenik*)

Most of you recognize this famous picture from World War II and also the place where it was taken. But you probably don't know the names of the soldiers in the photo.

It may be of interest to know that one of the U. S. soldiers in this group was a Slovak. Michael Strank was born on the 10th of November 1919 in Jarabin in northern Slovakia near the Polish border. He was the son of Karel and Marta Strank who emigrated to the U. S. in 1921. The family settled in Conemaugh, PA, two miles northeast of Johnstown.

Michael enlisted in the marines in 1939, and was assigned to basic training in New River, SC. When the U. S. entered the war, he was a sergeant. He was sent to the Southern Pacific on December 8, 1941. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his bravery in fighting on Iwo Jima. Michael was one of the soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 28 Regiment, 5 Division who planted the American flag on top of the 600 foot mountain, Surubachi Yama, on February 23, 1945.

Sergeant Michael Strank didn't live to see the end of the war. He was killed on March 1, 1945 while attacking an enemy position in the northern section of Iwo Jima. May he and all our war dead rest in peace.

— J. Sulz

## ROSE RYGR KOPECKY HONORED



Rose Kopecky

Congratulations to **Rose Kopecky** on being honored for her service to her country. As a young woman Rose served in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and then worked at the War Department (now known as Department of Defense) for two more years.

Rose has received considerable media coverage including a wonderful article in the Cedar Rapids Gazette on July 23, 2004.



Rose Kopecky





### Volunteerism at the NCSML

Teetering (as I am) on the brink of "curmudgeon-hood," I am feeling obliged to express my thoughts and feelings, regarding volunteerism, in clear, honest, and forthright tones!

I guess explaining the volunteer program here at the NCSML, until I begin to sound like a stuck 78rpm record, defending the Museum Guild when wanting to just throw up my hands in exasperation, and calmly listening to the same hue and cry over our volunteer scheduling for the millionth time without screaming is all part of the Volunteer Coordinator's job – (though certainly not a part of the job description!)

Yes, it is true that there are occasions when we are short-handed. (Volunteers go on vacations, experience family crises, sometimes even get sick – just like the rest of the population.)

Yes, it is possible that a volunteer may have to assume more responsibility on a particular shift - (that's what our volunteers are good at!)

Yes, we can always use more volunteers – (but keep in mind the mission of the Museum Guild was **never just** to supply gallery attendants for the museum.)

Yes, we need growth in our organization. (But instead of telling me that, or each other that, invite a friend to a meeting, encourage a buddy to join you in a volunteer endeavor, and talk up our volunteer opportunities whenever you can – you never know how many potential recruits might be listening.)

Did you know that we have better than 118 individuals volunteering on a regular basis?

Did you know that the NCSML is the envy of other cultural institutions in Cedar Rapids because of its large volunteer base?

Did you know that we have the most reliable, dependable, conscientious, dedicated, responsible, energetic, enthusiastic volunteers in

the whole city?

Whenever there is a request for a reception – either exhibit opening, concert, or VIP – I can always count on the Guild volunteers to prepare the food, host the reception, and leave the kitchen cleaner than it was before – can't complain about that!

When choir groups have visited and performed in our area and needed host-housing, and were graciously accommodated by our NCSML volunteers (whether it was for an overnight or an 8 day stay) was I complaining?????

When the Museum says  
"Let's put on a Dance Festival!"

**and** 91 volunteers sign up to help

**and** 15 new volunteers become part of that group

**and** the dancers and singers are touched by the hospitality and friendliness of all they encounter

**and** numerous individuals comment that it was wonderful to be served "real" food at the Brunch

**and** a volunteer spends the afternoon, out in the hot sun, helping people safely cross the street and tells me upon leaving how much she enjoyed herself and what a good time she had . . . . .

Am I complaining??? Not one little bit!!!!

— Patricia A. Hikiji







### Interesting Volunteer Statistics

#### Guild Members Participating in the Dance Festival (and Non-Guild Comparison)

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##### Grounds & Staging Committee (also includes crossing guards, litter patrol, etc.)

Guild Members 7  
Non-Guild Members 10

##### Street Dance Admissions

Guild Members 3  
Non-Guild Members 1

##### Festival Admissions

Guild Members 2  
Non-Guild Members 2

##### Snack Booth

Guild Members 3  
Non-Guild Members 3

##### Hospitality (Green Room)

Guild Members 4  
Non-Guild Members 3

##### Brunch

Guild Members 11  
Non-Guild Members 1

##### Promotion

Guild Members 0  
Non-Guild Members 5

##### Membership

Guild Members 4  
Non-Guild Members 1

##### Museum (includes galleries, information station, store)

Guild Members 8  
Non-Guild Members 13

##### Artisans (demonstrators)

Guild Members 5  
Non-Guild Members 5

#### New Volunteers Who Helped with the Dance Festival

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##### New Volunteer

##### Recruited By

Rob Koval  
Rob Schmit

Emil Koval  
Mel Holubar

Amanda DeHoedt  
Richard Miller  
Gary Tompkins

Rose Miller  
Don Miller  
Rose Miller

Linda Berry  
Robin Wagner

Leni Stastny  
Leni Stastny

Kayley Alexander  
Calli Mitchell

Sonya Krivanek  
Sonya Krivanek

Ted Kahler  
Lois Kahler  
Georgene Stapleton

Bob Tucker  
Bob Tucker  
Marilyn Tucker

John Shean

Sally Shean

Anita Hansen  
Pam Richardson

Vicky Cekelis  
Vicky Cekelis

#### This is how volunteerism breaks down amongst our 104 Guild Members:

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Guild members who don't attend meetings and don't volunteer = 25  
(3 live out-of state, 1 out-of-country, 4 infirm)

Guild members who attend meetings infrequently and don't volunteer = 5

Guild members who attend meetings fairly regularly and don't volunteer = 2

Guild members who attend (or don't attend) meetings regularly and volunteer in a limited capacity — mainly special projects, events = 23

(baking, gardening, hosting receptions, ticket-taking, etc.)  
(non-Guild = 13)\*

Guild members who volunteer once or twice a month = 22  
(galleries, station, store)  
(non-Guild=32)\*

Guild members who volunteer more than 2 times a month = 10

Guild members who volunteer once a week = 12  
(non-Guild = 18)\*

Guild members who are Staff members = 5

(\*from our currently active list)

*Our thanks to:  
Patricia A. Hikiji,  
Volunteer Coordinator  
for providing this information*







### TOP TEN GUILD VOLUNTEERS

#### APRIL 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in April — **50**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — **3729\***

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Gail Naughton        | 720.00 |
| Carolyn Holubar      | 552.00 |
| Mel Holubar          | 543.00 |
| Bob Stone            | 540.00 |
| Marge Stone          | 540.00 |
| Irene Konecny        | 360.00 |
| Marilyn Tucker       | 43.50  |
| Dolores Usher        | 32.75  |
| Marj Nejdil          | 26.00  |
| Marjeanne Jungjohann | 23.75  |
| Ann Kloubec          | 20.75  |

\*Note: The large number of hours recorded for April was due to the fact that six Guild members home-hosted members of the Silesian Choir from Ostrava, Czech Republic for 7 ½ days. The hosts' hours were multiplied by the number of guests they housed, fed, did laundry for, transported, and in a wide variety of ways, entertained. Gail and Dennis Naughton housed 4 guests, Mel and Carolyn Holubar housed 3, Bob and Marge Stone housed 3, and Irene Konecny housed 2.

#### MAY 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in May — **54**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — **596.25**

Top Ten hours ranged from 39 to 15

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Dolores Usher      | 39.00 |
| Mel Holubar        | 30.00 |
| Ann Kloubec        | 27.50 |
| Charles Opatrny    | 26.50 |
| Lillian Kopecky    | 20.00 |
| Bob Stone          | 18.75 |
| John Cimburek      | 17.50 |
| JoAnne Neff        | 17.50 |
| Mana Zlatohlavek   | 17.50 |
| Shirley Alexander  | 28.00 |
| Carolyn Holubar    | 17.00 |
| Leo Modracek       | 15.50 |
| Milly Ortner       | 15.50 |
| Andrea Siebenmann  | 15.00 |
| Marilyn Tucker     | 15.00 |
| Dorothy Voelkers   | 15.00 |
| Ellsworth Voelkers | 15.00 |

#### JUNE 2004

Number of Guild members recording hours in June — **45**

Number of Guild Hours recorded — **514.75**

Top Ten hours ranged from 60 to 13

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Gail Naughton     | 60.00 |
| Dolores Usher     | 47.75 |
| Gary Dvorak       | 21.00 |
| Shirley Alexander | 18.00 |
| John Cimburek     | 18.00 |
| Carolyn Holubar   | 18.00 |
| Evelyn Dvorak     | 17.50 |
| Laverne Fisher    | 17.50 |
| Lillian Kopecky   | 17.50 |
| Ann Kloubec       | 17.00 |
| Marge Pace        | 16.00 |
| Alicia Jackson    | 15.00 |
| Lydia Elias       | 14.00 |
| Ed Hemphill       | 14.00 |
| Joan Hemphill     | 14.00 |
| Lenora Watson     | 13.00 |

### NOTES FROM PATTY

#### ~ Thank You ~

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Museum Guild who gave so generously of their time and talents to make the NCSML Dance Festival a tremendous success.

The volunteers who participated in this endeavor called me and signed up, they recruited others to provide additional help, they accepted responsibility in more than one area

(working in the Snack Booth and baking for the Brunch is just one example). And in many instances they went above and beyond the call of duty to provide a much appreciated extra service. (Marie's sandwiches sure tasted good about mid-afternoon Sunday).

Děkuji vám mnohokrát! Thank you so very much for all your help and support

— Patricia A. Hikiji



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## NEXT MEETING

**Monday**

**August 9, 2004**

**6:30 PM**

## UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

**Monday, August 9, 2004**

6:30 p.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library  
"Cedar Rapids Museum of Art"

Presented by Terry Pitts

Hosts: Vera Conway, Bette Krall and Barb Pulkrab

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Saturday, September 4, 2004

9:30 a.m. at the

National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
"Mini American Barn Museum"

Presented by John Moore

Hosts: Martha Divishek, Lydia Elias and Irma Kelly

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**Saturday, October 2, 2004**

• BUS TRIP • 8:00 AM

"Czech Guild Mystery Tour"

Presented by Lavanda Woosley

⇒ 7:45 a.m. Boarding motorcoach at **Czech Museum**

⇒ 8:00 a.m. Departing for our mystery...day ????

⇒ 5:15 p.m. Approximate return

30 passengers needed for the tour

\$59.00 per person includes transportation, lunch,  
attractions and tour guide.

Museum Guild Program

July 12, 2004

**"WHO GETS GRANDMA'S YELLOW PLATE"**

By Phyllis Zalenski

Phyllis informed us that she represented the Johnson County Extension Service Office. They have a twenty-four hour hot line, and attorney available during the day, a speakers bureau and over 3000 publications available. There is also an extension office under Linn County Extension Service in Marion.

Ms. Zalenski stressed the importance of making a list of personal property indicating to whom it should be distributed and signed and dated. Family discussion should be held and notations made for donations to museums if this is a consideration.

It was pointed out that there is no perfect solution and family disagreements can develop. Some guild members offered suggestions which had worked in their families. I think that we all left the meeting with valuable information.

— Betty Truesdell